



## Weekly Bulletin for Parents & Carers

Week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Principal's Message

Mr McKelvie's briefing is replaced this week by a separate letter which will be issued today.

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### Year 7 and 8

#### Year 7 and 8 Assembly

This week all Year 7 and 8 students were given a valuable message by Mr Burkinshaw in assembly. He discussed the importance of silent work in lessons. He made it clear to students that the end of their educational journey will result in them being sat on their own at an examination desk. They will be challenged with showing what they have learned and will have to respond to the questions in the paper in silence. Mr Burkinshaw also discussed different professions where silent work is vitally important to allow people to concentrate.

We will be expecting students to complete silent work in all lessons. This will allow them some time to really concentrate and develop their ability to work through problems. Resilience is one of our school values and we look forward to seeing students continuing to embrace the challenges we set.

#### Bush Craft Residential

Thank you to all parents/carers for keeping up with the payments schedule for the Bush Craft residential. As we continue our planning there are some key dates and meetings to help support you and your child.

We will meet all students next week during Form time. We will hand out a letter inviting them and parents/carers to the Bush Craft Residential Evening on Wednesday 22nd April at 6pm.

At the evening a member of the Bush Craft team will present to parents/carers. They will provide a valuable insight and some key information on the following areas: kit, activities, locations, what you are allowed to take, camp details and students expectations.

We hope anyone booked on the residential can attend the evening and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 22nd April.

As you will understand we have closed the trip off however students can contact school reception and ask to be put on the waiting list. If there are any students that are unable to attend we will contact students on the waiting list.

*Mr Matthews – Year 7 & 8 Director of Studies*

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## Year 9

### **Sixth Form assembly on Martin House**

Last week our excellent Sixth Form delivered an assembly on our continued support of the charity, Martin House. They outlined the brilliant work the charity does and why we as a school support such a fantastic charity. Students were made aware of what they can do in school to help support and what we already do to support Martin House.

### **Monitoring Class Charts**

As always the link between home and school is vitally important. We greatly value the impact parents/carers have into a child's attitude to learning and progress in school. Please can parents and carers continue to monitor their child's Class Charts as this is a direct link to how they are doing in school. It provides you with feedback from a positive and negative perspective.

*Mrs A Mitchell – Year 9 Director of Studies*

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## Year 10 and 11

### **Year 10 Update**

It has been a very busy week for Year 10. You should have received a data report from your child this week that highlights their academic progress and latest attitude to learning scores. This will be useful to have for Parents Evening next week.

It was a shame that due to the current health crisis we had to postpone the careers interviews this week. However, on Thursday all of Year 10 were able to attend the Careers Fair with local employers and universities. I have received lots of really positive feedback about how the students engaged in this process so well done to all!

Please do contact the Year team if you have not received a report or been able to book Parents Evening appointments.

### **Year 11 Update**

It has been another busy week for our Year 11 students. I have been really impressed with their commitment to Twilight sessions and also squeezing in time for extra PE moderation preparation and rehearsals for Drama exams.

On Friday we wanted to congratulate and thank Year 11 for all their efforts and instead of our usual assembly we had a large breakfast in the main hall. It was a good opportunity to unwind and to acknowledge how hard they have been working.

Next Friday there are the final Year 11 photos. This will include a year group photo as well as an individual photo.

*Mr Sammons – Year 10 & 11 Director of Studies*

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## Post 16

### Careers Fair

Thank you to all the students who attended the Careers Fair on Thursday 12th March. It was a very well attended event and we hope that the students gained some valuable knowledge, maybe made a few potential employment contacts...and received some free goody bags along the way! Students who may have further questions regarding their future, require further advice or wish to discuss all options available can make an appointment with Miss Fisher.

### Assembly - Wednesday 11th March

Key points were discussed with regards to the support that will be provided for students during this very busy time... with a main focus of PREPARATION being key to success.

### Dates for the diary

\*Year 12 Work experience begins 30th March

\*Year 13 examinations begin Mon 11th May

\*Year 12 trial exams begin 18th May

*Mrs Smith – Year 12 & 13 Director of Studies*

*Miss Fisher – Post 16 Pastoral Support & Careers Lead*

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