

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Head Teacher

On Thursday we held our first Virtual Parents' Evening for Year 11 and from feedback received so far from Parents/Carers this was well received. Thank you very much to all of our parents/carers for embracing this new and exciting technology. It looks likely that we will use this same arrangement for our Year 7 Parents' Evening in January 2021. Further information will follow in due course.

This week we have also celebrated Anti-Bullying Week and Monday saw 'odd socks' all over the school! Mr Amos is now leading our Anti-Bullying Campaign which includes ambassadors from older year groups and our new anti-bullying display and information board.



Our dual learning programme has been in full swing this week providing learning for our students who are self-isolating. Students are being invited to join lessons as they are happening and we ask that children at home follow the normal school timetable.

We are following government guidance in terms of tracking and tracing close contacts of positive cases and are asking these students to self-isolate. I would kindly request that all parents/carers ensure that their children are not having social contact outside of the home if they are self-isolating. If we all follow the guidelines it will help us reduce the number of positive cases.

We want to try and make the experience in school as normal as possible despite all the changes and on Thursday 17 December 2020 we are asking all students to wear a Christmas jumper (or warm jumper) to support our local homeless charities. We will ask them all to bring £1 into school which will be collected by their Form Tutors. There will be a prize for the best Christmas jumper in each year group. Also on this day students will be able to purchase a Christmas lunch (all be it a take-away!).

Steve Dixon

Letters Sent Out Recently

ALL letters are now emailed home, hard copies are ONLY provided for 'Reply Slip' Letters. *Selected student only letters are given out to your child by hand or are posted directly home. The criterion for 'selected student only' opportunities are based on various factors depending on the trip and its focus. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow every student the opportunity to be involved with every activity which we understand sometimes causes disappointment. If you require more details about the selection process for any opportunity please contact the event organiser.

- ALL Parents/Carers - Notification of COVID-19 Case(s) Letter - 16 November 2020;
- ALL Parents/Carers – Notification of COVID-19 Case Letter - 17 November 2020;
- ALL Parents/Carers - Notification of COVID-19 Case Letter - 18 November 2020;
- ALL Parents/Carers - Notification of COVID-19 Case Letter - 20 November 2020;
- Year 10 & 11 GCSE PE Kit Letter - November 2020;
- Class of 2020 - GCSE Certificate Collection Arrangements Letter - November 2020;
- Safeguarding Notice - Remote Education Top Tips.

Events

- INSET Day - Friday 27 November 2020 & Monday 30 November 2020. Please note that School will be closed on both of these days. Students should return to school on Tuesday 1 December 2020.

General Reminders & Updates

READING CHALLENGE SUCCESSES

Congratulations and very well done to the following students who have completed a PLC READING CHALLENGE AWARD.

- Lily Marsh has earned a CHALLENGE 50 AWARD (50 books);
- Stephanie Fish has earned a GOLD AWARD (30 books);
- Nimue Jones is the first Year 7 student to have earned a BRONZE AWARD (10 books) this academic year.

The PLC READING CHALLENGE is open to all our students to take part in. Students just need to simply e mail Mrs Ellsmore or ask their Form tutor. Every book that students borrow from the PLC and read in full, should be recorded on the relevant bookmark. The completed bookmark is then handed back to Mrs Ellsmore:. Students will be awarded a certificate and house points for each challenge completed but the true and most valuable award is the award they have given themselves by reading. Book Tokens are also awarded for completion of the Challenge 50, 75 and 100 BOOK CHALLENGES.



Congratulations & Well Done

Congratulations to the following students who received a Head Teacher Commendation this week.

Sophie Ridge	Antonnia Pratt	Evelyn Newey	
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