

KEY MESSAGES

- Please be safe as you travel to and from school, taking extra care crossing the road
- We wish everyone a restful half term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday, 20 February 2017
- Next half term we plan to start updating the system for buying school uniform. We will be working closely with our uniform provider to ensure the service to you continues to meet our high expectations and is value for money. We are taking this opportunity to run down our current stock (SALE Details on the Website) and to modernise the style of the school trousers and skirts in response to Student Voice. (Current styles will continue to be acceptable). More details to follow next half term

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 10 February 2017

YEAR 7

In art lessons this week, students showed their creative side by producing decorative bunting based on their work around the Mexican festival 'The Day of the Dead'. These decorations will be used during our music and charity event 'T-Fest' in July.

This half term Year 7 have earned over 25,000 positive points as a year group. This is an amazing start to the Spring term and in such a short half term. A special mention goes out to Aiden Wootton, Bebe Briggs and Ben Paling who are the top three students for positives this half term: well done - you are a credit to your year group!



YEAR 8

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the Options process. The Options evening was very important and we hope you feel more informed about the choices and curriculum for Year 9. As previously mentioned, please use Insight to email teachers if you have any questions about specific subject courses.

The Numeracy Ninjas programme has been very successful and I want to congratulate Year 8 students for actively engaging with this during tutor time.

Well done to five Year 8 students who are currently in the top 10 in the whole school for positive behaviour points: Frankie Berry, Bridie Mae Greaves, Max Irwin, Holly Clarke and Francesca Bentley.

NAME _____ TUTOR SET _____
YEAR 8 OPTIONS DAY - WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2017

Hello Year 8,
As it is the time of year when you are thinking about choosing your GCSE options I am running an Options Taster Day to help you make your choices:

- The teachers will call for one subject
- Only choose the subjects that you are interested in exploring
- Some students may not want to do any of the Tasters as they are not interested in any of the subjects
- Subject teachers will help you about all the other subjects not covered in the Taster Day in your usual lessons
- The normal timetable will run throughout the day

This is an opportunity for you to find out more about the subject and what you will do on the BTEC course.
You are allowed a maximum of 2 choices and 1 reserve. Please put in order of priority 1st, 2nd choice and R (for reserve).

| Subject | Please rate 1 st , 2 nd or R |
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| GCSE Media Studies | |
| GCSE Citizenship Studies | |
| GCSE Fashion & Textiles | |
| GCSE Computer Science | |
| IT (Cambridge National) | |
| Child Development Cambridge National | |
| BTEC Engineering | |
| GCSE Design and Technology | |
| GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition | |

Thank you, I will be in touch again soon with the times of your lesson
Mrs Farmer, Tool Hill Careers

YEAR 9

A reminder that all pupils will be attending PSHE days on Tuesday and Thursday 21 and 23 February.

The year group will be signing a pledge as part of the school's anti-bullying focus after half term. The Year 9 Art Ambassadors are taking the lead in designing the banner which all the pupils will sign.

A small number of pupils have had the opportunity to be involved in the interview process for new staff this week. Hal Stevens and Oli Petchell are pictured here preparing their questions for prospective new staff.

Information and consent forms for the upcoming Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio Immunisation and Meningococcal ACWY (Men ACWY) Vaccinations will be issued shortly after the half term break to parents of all Year 9 pupils. Your support in completing and returning these forms promptly is much appreciated. Further information is available at: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/3-in-1-booster-questions-answers.aspx>



YEAR 10

As the term draws to an end, Year 10 have completed their second week of assessments. We are incredibly proud of the way that they have performed during this period. It is clear that they have put lots of preparation into what they have been doing.

Alongside this week's assessments, we have introduced the Tie Competition (see picture right) in preparation for Year 11.

Pupils have now been provided with the information needed to apply for their work experience place. To look for placements pupils can log onto <http://safetymeasures.work-experience.co.uk> and use the login information provided.

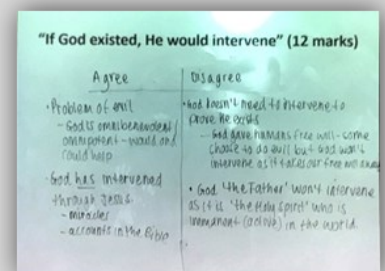


YEAR 11

Mrs Gray has visited Mrs Munroe's Philosophy and Ethics lessons. The highly detailed and analytical approach to some challenging discussion topics was very impressive! (See right.)

Over the last two weeks, Mrs Parkin and the Prom Committee have been planning and canvassing year group opinion regarding theme and choice of menu for the Prom on 23 June at Blotts Country Club, Holme Pierpoint.

We wish all pupils attending Booster sessions during half term a productive week.



E-Safety

On Tuesday, 7 February we held a 'Safer Internet Day'. Throughout the day students were taught how to stay safe and be responsible online. In Active Tutoring, students in KS4 watched the documentary film 'Kaleigh's Love Story' - you can find the video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsbYHI-rZOE#action=share> if you would like to watch it again with your son/daughter. For further e-safety advice please visit the school website.