

## **KEY MESSAGES**

- Assembly Theme: School Standards and World Book Day
- Personal Development Curriculum: Focused around Aspirations, Careers and Destinations
- Extended Study will commence week beginning 2 March 2020

## YEAR 7

Year 7 have had a excellent start back after half term, we hope you all had a well earned break

Best of luck to our Year 7 students performing in the 'Sincerity is Scary' dance show this Friday 28 February, we are sure you will do the year group proud.

With it being a new half term, we are encouraging students to try something new during Extended Study. As well as this, we have launched Activities Week, this year's theme is Creativity, please discuss this at home as there is a lot of fantastic opportunities on offer.

Head of Year 7: Mrs L Munro Pastoral Lead: Mr M Leslie



## YEAR 8

In the first week back, we have looked closely at our 'Being Kind' ethos along with 'World Book Day' on Thursday 4 March. Students have been extremely excited to take part in the activities throughout the day and read one of Anthony Horowitz' short story. Students have received their new Knowledge Organisers and Extended Study timetables. We have also been able to see some beautiful use of purple-pen progress in exercise books.

The second set of Parents Evening for other tiers will be held next Tuesday 3 March, along with their Taster Day Session on Wednesday 4 March in order for students to consider their options ready to be handed in by Friday 13 March.

Head of Year 8: Miss L Hughes Achievement Coordinator: Miss I Ridley



## YEAR 9

Year 9 have had a great start back to school this week. We are focusing on a variety of strategies to help best prepare students for the upcoming assessments after the Easter holiday. As a result, students have engaged in discussions about revision techniques, well-being and even the importance of eating healthily. Their level of focus and positivity whilst doing something outside of their comfort zones was commendable.

Finally, Parents Evenings are taking place on Tuesday 10 March and Thursday 19 March, appointments will soon be available to book via Insight for your child depending on their tier groups on one of the respective evening.

Head of Year 9: Miss N Ward Achievement Coordinator: Miss B Marshall



## **YEAR 10**

This half term will see more aspirational trips going out on visits looking at next steps beyond Year 11 including hair and beauty, catering and hospitality, motor mechanics and construction. A lot of pupils have already signed up but we do have some places left especially on the motor mechanics trip. Any pupil interested should collect a letter from the Year Office or Mrs Farmer.

Extended Study starts again week beginning Monday 2 March and the timetable has gone live on the website so that pupils and parents can make relevant arrangements for pick ups. It would be great to see as many Year 10s as possible attending.

Finally it's great to see pupils take up a new activity and really persevere to improve, well done to Will, Guy and Izzy P for their continued attendance at archery.

Head of Year 10: Mr D Mordue Achievement Coordinator: Miss I Sheldon



# **YEAR 11**

Year 11s have had an excellent first week back to school. They have had excellent standards of behaviour in their examinations and are revising very hard for their exams next week. Extended Study starts back on Monday 2 March and students have been issued with their timetables. If your child needs any Post-16 advice for next academic year, please contact your child's tutor.

Thank you to those who have returned their reply slip for Prom. We are really looking forward to this and the students are very excited. Please can those who have not returned their reply slip do this as soon as possible and payments can be made for this online.

Head of Year 11: Miss V Salt Achievement Coordinator: Miss A Hall



#### Activities Week

Please remember to return your child's yellow forms as soon as possible. The deadline for bringing in the Yellow Application form is Monday 9 March 2020.

#### Careers Update

#### Year 8 Options Taster Day - 4 March 2020

We will be running the Taster Day next week where your child will get the chance to try subjects they have not studied before. If your child has not selected their choices please get in touch with Mrs Farmer by Monday 2 March 12 noon.

#### Year 11 Destinations

We are currently using a new Careers Platform, Unifrog, with our Year 11 students where by they can research a variety of career pathways and enter both a Plan A and Plan B destination. All students have a log in for Unifrog and this has been set as homework. Students have an information sheet. Could you support your child with this work please? Parental log in information will be sent out soon.

#### Year 10 Work Experience - 19-23 October 2020

Work experience has been launched to Year 10 this week. An information booklet for students and parents will be given to your child on Tuesday next week. If you have any questions please get in touch with Mrs Farmer. A letter will be sent to parents next week with information about the Interview Day taking place on 26 March.

#### College Open Days - Year 11

Newark College have an Open Day for college courses and apprenticeships on Saturday 28 March from 10 am - 1 pm.

Nottingham College have an Apprenticeship Fair on Wednesday 1 April from 5pm - 7 pm at Basford Hall.



