

KEY MESSAGES

- We look forward to the first parents evening of the Year: Year 7 on Wednesday 17th November.
- Thank you for your support in the prevention of the misuse of social media accounts against the school. There are currently no malicious accounts we are aware of.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 12 November 2021

YEAR 7

This week Year 7 have had an assembly from the Head of School regarding the responsible use of social media and messaging apps and their responsible use. We would encourage parents to be aware of how their child uses social media platforms and have discussions regarding what is acceptable.

The new Extended Study programme has started this week and it is been great to see so many Year 7s taking advantage of the different clubs being offered, remember to check the programme on the school website as there are changes from last half term.

Some of the Year 7 boys PE classes have moved on to dance this half term and have been really enthusiastic about learning the choreography to Thriller, the photo attached is the starting position for a zombie in the dance!

In PSHE lessons next week, Year 7 students will discuss how to deal with conflict.

Support link: http://www.valueoptions.com/april06_newsletter/friendly_feuds.htm

Visit the NSPCC for support with talking about difficult topics: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

Head of Year 7: Mr D Mordue Assistant Head of Year 7: Miss L Jordan



YEAR 8

Well done Year 8 for a great week. This week our Extended Study provision has restarted and it has been fantastic to see so many Year 8 students involved in sessions across a range of subjects. The Extended Study timetable has been emailed out and we will continue to remind students of the sessions, during tutor set. Both our Girls and Boys Football Teams have also enjoyed competitive fixtures this week. The Girls team played their first games in a weekly tournament, winning one match 1-0 and drawing the second match 0-0. The Boys team faced tough competition in their match and lost 2-1. The team showed great determination and teamwork against strong competition.

In Art, students have been studying Picasso's work, with a focus on shape and colour. Students have been working hard on this unit and have been working on progressing their drawing work to add a 3D aspect. Students focused on the sculptural parts of their work and are looking forward to adding paint to this next week. There were high levels of focus in the class and all of the work produced was detailed, with students taking pride in their work which was great to see.

During our Personal Development Curriculum this week we have focused on supporting students with organisation and setting a routine for home learning and extended study. Students have shared their ideas as a tutor set and discussed how we can effectively manage time to balance school work, attending extended sessions and also out of school commitments.

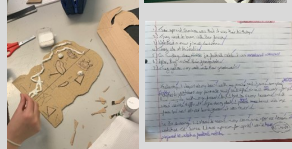
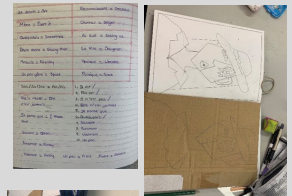
As a year group we have achieved 2494 credits this week! Keep up the fantastic work!

In PSHE lessons next week, Year 8 students will develop their understanding of sharing material online

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Head of Year 8: Miss I Sheldon Assistant Head of Year 8: Mr A Surridge



YEAR 9

This week Year 9 have considered a range of topics with their tutor as part of the Personal Development Curriculum. They have studied the importance of oracy and how to develop SHAPE-ing their verbal responses in lesson as well as reflecting thoughtfully on the reasons for 'remembering' on the 11th November and the differences between Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday.

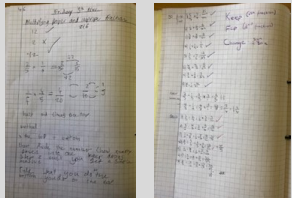
In addition, it is great to see the purposeful use of purple pen for developing work and feeding back. This core aspect of our school feedback policy ensures students are constantly aware of their progress and how to improve further. Thanks to Mrs McCann and Mrs Hughes for the photos of 9S putting this into practice!

In PSHE lessons next week, Year 9 students will develop their understanding of consent

Support Link: <https://www.brook.org.uk/your-life/how-to-give-and-get-consent/>

Visit the NSPCC for support with talking about difficult topics: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

Head of Year 9: Mrs L Munro Assistant Head of Year 9: Miss C Thomas



YEAR 10

Following the half term break, students are now settled back into school and working hard. GCSE Pod is being used by a number of departments for home learning and students have adapted well to this new way of learning independently and testing their knowledge.

The Maths department use the online platform Hegarty Maths (found at hegartymaths.com) for much of their Home Learning. Each 'task' includes a video of Mr Hegarty teaching students about the topic and working through some example questions. Students then test their understanding by completing the quiz and can keep an eye on their progress using the figures and 'donut' displayed on the screen.

If your child has any issues accessing Hegarty Maths they should speak to their Maths teacher or form tutor.

Head of Year 10: Mr R Wickens Assistant Head of Year 10: Mr K Roebuck Achievement Coordinator: Mrs C Hallam



YEAR 11

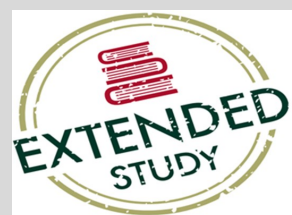
As we approach the end of the November MOCKS we want to say a huge well done to all students in Year 11 who have displayed dedication and a strong work ethic throughout the assessment period.

In addition, the second round of Extended Study has started this week which has already been a huge success! Year 11 students should use their most recent report data, 11.1, to inform the sessions they attend and use the expertise available to enhance their revision and personal study.

The new Extended Study timetable is on the school website!

We challenge you to attend as many as possible.

Year 11 Pastoral Lead: Miss B Marshall Year 11 Achievement Leader: Miss P Gordon



Careers Opportunities Newsletter which has been sent on email to students and parents/carers. Please encourage students to participate in these activities.