



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 15 and 22 March 2019

## KEY MESSAGES

Thank you for your continued support in helping us uphold the high standards of uniform worn at our school. This week we have reminded students of our uniform expectations:

- Shirts tucked in
- Skirts worn appropriately
- Blazers should be worn at all times
- No jewellery
- Plain black school shoes - no trainers or boots

To support this standard, from Monday 25th March, please note we have communicated our expectations to students during tutor time and detentions will be issued when students do not meet these expectations. Cardigans and jumpers worn without a blazer and jewellery worn in school will be confiscated. Similar to our phone confiscation procedure, students may collect an item that has been confiscated, for the first time, from the office at the end of that day. If this happens more than once, parents will be invited in to collect the item. Many thanks for your continued support.

## YEAR 7

In Maths, Year 7 pupils have been looking at angles and areas and have been practising compound shapes with their 'My Maths' homework.

A reminder that the deadline for the interim payment for Adventure 8 is 5 April. Please get in touch with your child's tutor if you have any questions relating to this trip.

Head of Year 7: Miss L Hughes Achievement Coordinator: Miss I Ridley

## YEAR 8

During active tutoring and taster sessions over the past few weeks, students have been making informed decisions about their Options choices.

There was a STEM afternoon on Wednesday, 14 March where many students within the year group had a fantastic talk that was interactive and engaging. Thank you to Mr Walters for organising this.

As always, the Year 8 Prefects have shown themselves to be exceptional role models for their peers. Their organisational skills, positive work ethic and desire to help others allowed the school to raise a fantastic amount of money for Comic Relief with a bake sale.

All Activities Week and Option forms should have been returned by now. Please remind your child to bring their forms in if they haven't already done so.

Head of Year 8: Miss N Ward Achievement Coordinator: Miss B Marshall

## YEAR 9

Year 9 have started preparing for their upcoming assessments, looking at revision techniques and time management so that they feel fully prepared.

Pupils have been asked to return consent forms ahead of their vaccinations on Wednesday, 3 April. Please ensure your child's form is returned asap if they haven't already done so.

We are planning for our end of term assembly and staff are currently making nominations for 'Good Egg' pupils. Pupils who are working hard, being kind and continually getting it right will be in with a chance of having an honourable mention and winning a small prize.

Head of Year 9: Mr D Mordue Achievement Coordinator: Miss J Smith

## YEAR 10

Over the last half term we have had a careers focus in Year 10. This has included students working hard to prepare their CVs, practice interview questions and discuss the skills and qualities which are desirable for different careers. On Thursday, 21 March, Year 10 students were involved in Mock Interview Day. Each student completed a one to one interview with a local employer. The employers were full of positive feedback and commented on how organised, smart and professional the students conducted themselves.

Thank you to Mrs Farmer and the Careers Team for organising Mock Interview Day and to the employers for giving up their time to provide these experiences to our students. Well done to all of the Year 10s involved, you should be really proud of yourselves.

Head of Year 10: Miss V Salt Achievement Coordinator: Miss I Sheldon

## YEAR 11

Year 11 are nearing the end of the assessment period and I would like to congratulate them on their efforts. They have been incredibly focussed and this undoubtedly bodes well for their formal examinations later this year.

The year group have now received their formal examination timetable for the summer term. Please take a moment to go through it with your son and daughter and feel free to make a copy and get it on display at home.

Places are still available for NCS this summer. We encourage as many pupils as possible to get involved in this fantastic initiative and pupils can speak to Mr Lynas or Miss Hall about this in school.

Head of Year 11: Mr D Lynas Achievement Coordinator: Miss A Hall

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Learning Lounge hosted the Scholastic Book Fair last week and raised a total of £1170! This meant the Learning Lounge could spend £702 on Scholastic books! We are so thankful to all students and staff who supported our fair.



## ACTIVITIES WEEK 2019

As the deadline for returning Yellow Application Forms has now passed, could we please request that any outstanding forms are returned to tutors asap. We will then be able to allocate pupils to activities.

## YEAR 11 NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE (NCS)

Year 11s can now sign up to complete NCS in summer 2019. There are two dates to choose from: **1-19 July 2019** or **29 July-16 August 2019**. Places are limited so reserve your place for just £50 by signing up at [www.ncsyes.co.uk](http://www.ncsyes.co.uk)! If you have any questions please email Debs: [dmason@nova-ncs.co.uk](mailto:dmason@nova-ncs.co.uk)

