



Weekly News

14th December 2018

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

The school continues to be a very busy place in the run up to Christmas! Please see below all that's been happening.

It was good to welcome parents and students to the Year 13 evening yesterday. This was important follow up to their recent mock exams and will help them to prepare for the final sixth months of study for their exams in June. Year 11s will receive their overall mock exam results before the end of next week.

Today 30 guests from the world of work have been giving interview practice to all of year 11 and 13. I am very grateful for all those who have given up their time to make this day so successful. Our pupils massively benefit from this day as the first one last year proved. All pupils came in very smartly in business attire and were a real credit to themselves and the school.

Next week we have another very full week, with plenty more activities for all year groups. Alongside more regular learning these activities will prepare everyone for the end of term and Christmas!

Lastly, thanks for all of your continued support for the School over the last few weeks. My 1km for £1k cycle challenge progresses well: I should be at the half way point by the end of this weekend.

Have a very good weekend

Fact of the week... 370 million mince pies are sold in the UK over the Christmas period annually, with the average Brit eating 27 mince piece each.

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Christmas Dinner Celebration

On Tuesday our Christmas celebrations started with Christmas Jumper day and our Christmas lunch. Students and staff tucked into a delicious turkey roast dinner and thank you to all who donated to charity. We have raised a lot of money for those who need it most at this time of year.

Year 13 Parents Evening Success

Thank you to all the parents that attended the Year 13 parent evening. It was very positive as we wrap up this term. We hope they all return refreshed in the new year to work toward their final exams.

Mock Interview Success

Today was our Mock interviews. We welcomed more than 30 volunteers into school to interview our year 11 and 13 students. This valuable life skill, we hope, will set them up for future interviews and given them the confidence boost they deserve.

Martijn Van de Spoel

We welcomed Martijn Van der Spoel back into school this week working with our year 11 students. He will continue to work with our students as they build up their exams in valuable learning skills and methods.

Student of the Week...

Year 7 - Sarina Buchan
Nominated by Miss Sheppard - English
Teacher for being incredibly helpful with helping other students around the school and has read aloud beautifully in lessons.

Year 8 - Chloe Gregory
Nominated by Miss Boniface - Science
Teacher for settling in really well into our science class and for her fantastic effort and enthusiasm in lessons

Year 9 - Frankie Harvey
Nominated by Mrs Smith - PE Teacher for showing excellent application of theory during PE lessons and his homework, which was excellent. Keep it up Frankie!

Year 10 - Brian Gomez-Bugja
Nominated by Mrs Smith - PE Teacher for showing a great attitude to learning during Hockey the last few weeks and demonstrating a

Year 11 - Max Ellis
Nominated by Ms O'Sullivan - Maths
Teacher for a terrific turnaround in Maths and a brilliant mock exam result.

			natural ability to perform a new sport.	
Year 12 - Bruges Scrivener - Nominated by Mr Norwood - Director of Key Stage 5 for his successful Army application!				
Year 13 - Ella Dowden - Nominated by Mr Norwood - Director of Key Stage 5 for receiving unconditional offers.				
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