



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 05 FEBRUARY 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

We have spent some time in registration this week reminding students about the importance of their planner. Many students have now replaced planners as they know that we do not tolerate any graffiti or tattiness. New planners can be bought for £3.30.

We expect all students to use their planners each lesson, to make a note of homework (in addition to monitoring *Show My Homework*) and we also use the planner to communicate with you. For example, occasionally some students will be detained after school and this will be noted (on a sticker) in the planner. This will be a new form of communication to parents /carers regarding after school detentions which will be introduced after half term.

Please do not hesitate to contact Andy Hearne (Business Director) if you have any views on how we can improve our planners (which are bespoke to our school), or any other information that you feel it would be useful to include.

Mr M Mayne

Head

Messages for Parents/Carers / Letters home

Year 12 parents/carers re 'Ace your Exams' – Elevate Education

Year 12 students recently attended an interactive training seminar. This session was delivered by Elevate Education, aimed at enabling students to consider and develop their approach to revision and exam technique, so they can achieve their full potential in exams.

Of the 96 students that attended this seminar, there was 100% positive feedback, with them all recommending this session to other groups for the future. Each student received a workbook, an implementation guide and online access to the following website, where students can utilise a range of resources and materials, crucial for building on the skills and helping them prepare for their exams.

Details can be found at www.elevateeducation.com

Sir William Ramsay was able to negotiate a discounted rate for our students and would like to request a voluntary contribution of £3.00, per student, to cover the cost of this valuable and positive training. This has been added as a payment option on Parentpay. You can pay online or request a barcode letter from Ms Pridham, Main Reception, to pay cash at any of the Paypoint machines available in local retail shops.

Reminder for Y12 students re UCAS Convention 2016, Brunel University, Uxbridge, on Thursday, 17 March 2016: letter and consent form on website—please complete and return to Mrs Aldred as soon as possible.

Important Message from Miss Roser , Y11 Academic Leader, re Revision Sessions at Half Term for Year 11 students:

Please be advised that a letter and timetable concerning Revision Sessions taking place at Half Term is being sent home to parents/carers this week.

Message for Year 9 Parents/Carers from Mrs Henwood, Y9 Academic Leader

There is a Parent Consultation evening from 16.30 until 19.00 on the 11th February.

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Extract from our Parent/Carer Calendar—Spring Term 2016

10/02/16	Drop Everything And Read Day
11/02/16	Maths Competition
11/02/16	Y9 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening 16:30 - 19:00
12/02/16	Mufti Day (SBH)
13/02/16 - 21/02/16	Spring Half-Term
29/02/16	Y9 Model United Nations
29/02/16 - 07/03/16	Y11 & 6th Form Mocks
01/03/16	Y11 Netball Tournament (WHS)
02/03/16	World Maths Day
04/03/16	Deadline Y9 Pathways Forms
07/03/16	Y11 Men ACWY Vaccinations
08/03/16	Y10-13 Careers Evening 19.00-21.00
08/03/16	Governors' Day
09/03/16	Head's Open Door 16.00-18.00/Parent Council 18.30-19.30
10/03/16	NQT
11/03/16 - 20/03/16	Science Week
11/03/16	SLT P1-3
14/03/16 - 18/03/16	Maths Week
15/03/16	Y7 Netball Tournament (St Michael's)
16/03/16	Y8 Netball Tournament (Godstowe)
17/03/16	Sixth Form UCAS Convention
17/03/16	Y10 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening 16:30 - 19:00
21/03/16	Dress Rehearsal - School Musical
21/03/16	Y11 Science Revision Week in Tutor Time
22/03/16	Y9/10 Netball Tournament (WHS)
22/03/16 - 23/03/16	School Musical
24/03/16	British Values Day/Academic Review Day Y11-13
24/03/16	Y9 Follow-up Pathways Day
25/03/16 - 11/04/16	Easter Holiday

NB: School finishes for Half Term at 3pm on Friday 12th February which is a mufti day in aid of our charity, South Bucks Hospice; students should please bring in £2. Students return to school on Monday 22nd February.

INSET DATES—Reminder

Monday 11th April is an INSET day and students will return after the Easter Holidays on Tuesday 12th April 2016. Please see the link below for our parents and carers online calendar:

<http://swr.bucks.sch.uk/downloads/attachments/2015-16/SWR%20Parent%20Calendar%20Sept%202015.16r2.pdf>

Important—Inclement Weather arrangements: Please note that the School website will be updated by 0630 should we have any snow or bad weather which may result in the school's closure or later opening.

Student Transport: If parents/carers have any issues/questions re school transport, all calls should be directed to the dedicated Transport Team at County on: 01296 387439.