



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Health and Safety Reminder

As you may well have seen, unfortunately our new drop off and collection zone is yet to be completed, though we anticipate this will be soon.

We would like to thank those parents/carers who, as requested, are dropping and collecting their children from an agreed point on rose Avenue. However, we would like to remind some parents/carers that the school site is not to be used between 8.15am and 8.55am for dropping off children and from 2.40pm and 3.15pm for collection. We also request that parents/carers do not use the Community Centre to drop off or collect their children; this applies particularly to their entrance. Regrettably there have already been several issues this term where the safety of students has not been to the level we would like. Please do consider the safety of both your own child/ren and others of our school community if it is necessary to transport them to and from school by car. Thank you

Letters home this week: Letter dated 12th September to Parents/Carers of students in Years 7—11 re some changes to our homework procedures. The information in this letter is also uploaded on the school's website.

Letter from Mr Wolfenden to Parents/Carers of Year 10 & 11 Geography students re Wide World magazine

Bushcraft Kit List—available on our website—for parents/carers of Year 7 students

Letter from Miss Grigg to selected students re Cross Country competition

Message from Matron—Important

Ahead of the Thorpe Park, LEGOLAND and Bushcraft trips next week, I would like to remind parents and carers that if an emergency medication has been stated on the pink medical form then that medication must be taken with the student when they leave the school site on a trip. If students do not have this or it has expired then they will not be permitted to attend.

If the medication is no longer required or conditions have changed please request and complete a new medical form and return to Matron to confirm this.

Examples of emergency medication: inhalers, antihistamines, epi/jext pens, anticonvulsants and insulin.

Many thanks. Matron

A reminder from Ms Muttitt re our Easter 2017 Snowsports Trip. Valle d'Aosta, Italy. Details of the trip can be found on our website under 'Latest News'. This is a fantastic opportunity for students—please do let us know as soon as possible if your child would like to take part as the closing date is approaching and places are filling up fast.

SAVE THE DATE!

All Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students and parents/carers are invited to attend our 3rd Annual Careers Information Evening. 6-8pm, Thursday 6th October 2016 in the Performing Arts Centre

Please join us to connect with a wide range of professionals and companies to assist you in making the right career choice for your future. Mr E Olhausen

Important events

Tuesday 20th September Y12 Parent/Carer Partnership Evening 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd September Bushcraft Trip for Year 7 students

Thursday 22nd September, Y12 Team building day

Friday 23rd September—Pastoral trips to Thorpe Park for Years 8 to 11

Monday 26th September, European Day of Languages

Tuesday 27th September, Y10 Art & Photography trip, Tate Modern

Thursday, 29th September, **School closes at 13.30 for Open Evening** from 18.00—20.00. (Head's talk at 18.15 & 19.00)

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KIT LIST

Below you can find our recommended kit list. We do stress that it is not necessary to go out and buy all new and expensive kit to come on our courses. So long as you have a sleeping bag and roll mat, torch, appropriate footwear and some warm clothes you will be fine, but just to be sure we have outlined the key items of kit below.

ESSENTIALS:

Large rucksack (or alternative bag/suitcase)
Small rucksack for daytime away from camp
Warm sleeping bag (season 3)
Roll mat
Tracksuit/hard-wearing trousers
T-shirts
Warm jumpers/fleece
Waterproof jacket and trousers
Warm socks and underwear
Footwear (2 pairs - e.g. walking boots, old trainers)
Towel
Wash bag including toothbrush, toothpaste and face wipes
Water bottle
Good torch with fresh batteries

Insect repellent
Alcohol Hand Gel

OPTIONAL:

Sleeping bag liner
Pillow
Pyjamas
Whistle

WEATHER DEPENDENT:

Wellington boots
Warm hat and gloves
Sun cream
Sun hat

Please note that we advise against bringing electronic equipment with you should items become lost broken or damaged. We also advice against bringing sweets and snacks to help us maintain suitable dietary conditions for the whole group.

Please do visit our online shop at www.thebushcraftcompany.com/shop.



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