



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 24TH FEBRUARY 2017

### Year 10 & 11 news

We are pleased to share with you some news which will impact on the academic leadership of Year 10 cohort. Our Academic Leader for year 10, Mrs Thorburn, has been appointed to lead the Maths Faculty from this point forward. This is testament to her hard work, commitment and dedication. We are also pleased to announce that Mr Thomas will be taking over from Mrs Thorburn as Year 10 Academic Leader. Mr Thomas led his first assembly with the year group this week and introduced himself to the year group. We are very happy that he has taken on the role and are sure that the year group will benefit from his high aspirations and compassionate approach to his work with students. Miss Thomas will be taking over the Year 11.1 tutor group moving forward. We are happy to have her join the team at this pivotal time for students. We are sure that she will provide the challenge and support required, leading into the summer exam period. Mr Gilbert, Acting Assistant Head

### Important notice from Matron

We have had an increasing number of students coming to Matron's Office with symptoms of feeling "dizzy, nauseous and headachy". Often after our assessments, we find that the student hasn't eaten or drunk anything during the day, which tends to lead to the student feeling ill with one or all of the above symptoms.

These students are given water and are advised to eat but unfortunately, we often find that they have no money on their parent pay account or a packed lunch provided. If a student hasn't eaten, this also means that we are unable to give out any paracetamol for genuine pain.

Could you please ensure that your child has access to food/drink during the school day, either purchased via parent pay or by providing a packed lunch. It is vital that students eat and drink at break and lunch, as thirst and hunger can have a huge impact on a pupil's ability to learn.

Thank you for your support,

Matron

### Important events

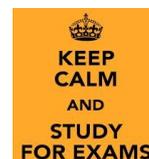
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| Thursday 02 03 17         | 'Drop everything and read' day—in light of World Book Day. All students should bring in a reading book ** see page 2 |
| Wednesday 08 03 17        | Y12 National Apprenticeship Day 9 am—3 pm /<br>Y12 Future Options Evening 6.00—8.00pm*                               |
| Thursday 09 03 17         | Employability Masterclass Day—Y12 & selected Y13 students<br>* details to follow shortly                             |
| Mon 13 March—Fri 17 March | 6th Form National Apprenticeship Expedition & Maths & Science Week   |
| Thursday 16 03 17         | Year 9 Mentor Day No. 2  |

### Please note:

Mufti Day on 31<sup>st</sup> March has now moved to 24<sup>th</sup> March for Red Nose Day—for a £1 donation. There will be other exciting events going on to raise more funds for this day.

### IMPORTANT—SPRING MOCK EXAMS—Reminder

The Spring mock exam timetable has been distributed to Year 11/12 and 13 students. This is also on our website [here](#)



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Letters home

Letter re National Citizen Service to Y11 & 12 parents \*\* Students will be having an assembly giving more information about this on Friday, 24 February. Please click [here](#)

Letter Y11 parents/carers re Maths Homework—past papers. Please click [here](#)

Letter Year 11 parents/carers re Prom, Friday, 30th June 2017. Please click [here](#)

Letter Y12 parents/carers re UCAS Convention + Parental Consent Form. Please click [here](#)

Ramsay Reader dated 20th February Please click [here](#)

Information regarding Student Finance has been sent to students and parents/carers in Year 13. For further information please visit [www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance).

## **Please note term dates for next academic year below.**

### **Term Dates 2017/18**

#### **Autumn Term**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Year 7 and Year 12 students only

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 all students return to school – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017-Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 (12.30pm)

#### **Spring Term**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

#### **Summer Term**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018-Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018-Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 (12.30pm)

#### **Staff INSET Days**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

We are thrilled to be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> World Book Day on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a number of book themed activities throughout the day as well as staff and sixth form character fancy dress. World Book Day promotes the love of books and literacy as well as the work of charities like Book Aid, who provide books to developing or poor communities across the globe. You can check out the website at <http://www.worldbookday.com/> for more information.

Mr Lowe



### **School Arrangements in case of Bad Weather, etc**

In the event of extreme weather conditions, emergency etc. the SWR website will be updated by 0630 if there is any news on closure or a later start to the school day. This will be the main source of communication to parents/carers.

## Whole School News

### Important—Change to School Detention System—Reminder

With effect from Monday 20th February the detention system has changed from Whole School Detention to Departmental Detention.

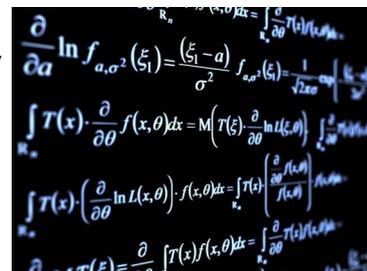
Detentions will now be run by separate departments on different nights of the week, from 3—4 pm. Parents/Carers will be notified via their child's planners. If a child does not have their planner with them an email or phone call will be made to advise parents/carers. Failure to attend a department detention will result in the student being placed in the Senior Leadership Detention session which takes place on a Friday from 3.00 until 4.30 pm.

**Mrs Wolfenden**  
**Acting Assistant Headteacher**

### News from the Maths Department

In the Maths Department we are now running a 'Maths Homework Clinic' every Monday lunchtime, available to all year groups for any Homework support (please bring Homework with you!). There are rotas up in every maths classroom which gives more information and where to go.

**Miss Mullins**



Message from Mrs Leach, Head of Media

A reminder that the Media Film Club will no longer take place after school on a Tuesday.



### Art Department News



#### Digital Photography Young Engineers Club

We have arranged an exciting series of after-school workshops for students who are currently studying, or who are thinking of studying, GCSE Art and/or Photography. We would encourage any Year 11 students who are currently studying the subject to be part of this workshop, as the work produced will go towards your GCSE.

The Digital Photography sessions will be run by an external company called Imaging Partnership Education ([www.imagingpartnership.co.uk](http://www.imagingpartnership.co.uk)). These six workshops are designed to be fun and creative. Students will learn how to take the subject of optics (photography), together with a variety of different themes.

The six workshops will take place in the Art Department every Tuesday, commencing on Tuesday 28 February, from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. Please note that, if time is short, the workshops may commence one week later, Tuesday, 7th March; details will be confirmed as soon as possible. **Each session has been designed to accommodate a maximum of 15 students; places will, therefore, be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.**

The total cost of this six week course is £24.00 per student, payable in advance. Please speak to Mrs Bennett if you are interested. The deadline is Monday, 27 February 2017.

**Mrs Bennett**  
**Head of Art**



## Twickenham Trip – England Training Day

On the Friday of half term a small group of students travelled down to Twickenham to watch the England international rugby team train. The day was a great opportunity for students to watch how hard the players train and to pick up some tips that they could take away to improve their own game. There were also interviews with coaching staff Eddie Jones and Richard Hill, who gave some great in-depth analysis and explanation as to what the players were doing and why. Legend Jeremy Guscott was also in attendance to give his thoughts on England's chances in the current Six Nations and the upcoming Lions tour. International referee, Wayne Barnes, spoke about current rule changes and the new bonus point format and reasoning for this. Prince Harry was also in attendance to give his views on the game and spoke about the work he is doing to improve the opportunities for young people to get involved with rugby. Finally students had the chance to meet several players, including Captain, Dylan Hartley, and even managed to get some selfies and autographs from a number of stars.

