

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your families are back into your routines at the start of this year. As I wrote in the last newsletter, I have been impressed with the way that students have managed themselves on their return to school, including those who sat examinations last week.

At the start of the year, I would also like to remind you that we pride ourselves on the communication between school and home and see this is a critical partnership as your child moves through school. We don't always get it right and I would appreciate any feedback that you may have in order to improve things further. May I also take this opportunity to remind you that my half termly Head's Open Door sessions and Parent Council meetings are open to all parents and carers. Please do come along if you have specific issues relating to your child (Open Door) or would like to be involved in discussions with others on school improvement issues. However, please do not wait for these meetings to raise any issues as we are keen to know about them as soon as possible and in my experience it is better to tackle and work to resolve any issues or concerns early on.

**Mark Mayne**  
Head

### Expectations for all students in Years 12 and 13

- All students are expected to dress appropriately and professionally for their studies
- Name badges/lanyards must be worn at all times whilst on the school site
- All students should arrive punctually to registration and lessons
- Independent Learning Hours and timetabled Study Periods must be used appropriately to study, research or complete tasks set by subject teachers

The Sixth Form team are available to support students and welcome contact from parents/carers should any concerns arise.

**Mr A Hencken/Mrs V Aldred**

### New Website Launch

We have been busy developing a new school website and anticipate that it will be going live as of 18<sup>th</sup> January. Please bear us with regards to the website as we make the switch.

**Mr A Hearne, Business Director**

### 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.



**Important notice for Year 11 Art and Photography students** The Year 11 coursework deadline is **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January**. This coursework is worth 60% of their final grade and it is **all** of the work which has been completed since Year 10. I am afraid that there is no leniency on extra time, as after this date the students will be focusing on their exam which is worth 40% of their final grade.

Out of lesson time, students can work on their coursework after school and at lunchtime and their teacher is available for extra support if necessary. The students have been given a personalised list of what needs to be completed. If they are unsure, they must ask their teacher. Any questions or concerns, please contact me.  
Miss Warren, Head of Art,

Head: Mark Mayne

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Extract from our Parent/Carer Calendar—Spring Term 2016

26/01/16	6th Form Parent/Carer Consultation Evening 16:30 - 19:00
01/02/16	Y9 Pathways Mentoring Day
02/02/16	Heads Open Door 16.00-18.00/Parent Council 18.30-19.30
02/02/16	Y9 Pathways Evening 19.00 - 21.00
03/02/16	Ski Trip Meeting 18:00 – 19:30
04/02/16	Intermediate Math's Challenge
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)
<b>13/02/16 - 21/02/16</b>	<b>Spring Half-Term</b>
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	Governor's Day
09/03/16	Heads 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	Math's 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
<b>25/03/16 - 11/04/16</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>

INSET DATES—Reminder

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April is an INSET day and students will return after the Easter Holidays on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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>

## School Lockers

Please may we remind parents/carers of students who already have a locker at school that the annual charge of £10 is now due. Please could this be paid as soon as possible, via ParentPay, if you have not already done so. Thank you.  
Mrs Claridge

### Year 7 Cooking Club

For all those budding young chefs in year 7!!

We are planning to run an afterschool cooking club for year 7 this term.

It will run on a Thursday wk1 from 3-4.30pm in the food room.

We will be making a range of sweet and savoury recipes which will help to develop your culinary skills.

You will be required to supply your own ingredients which of course means you get to eat it afterwards as well!

There will be 12 places (on a first come first served basis) so if you are interested then please come and see Mrs Hawes in the food room.



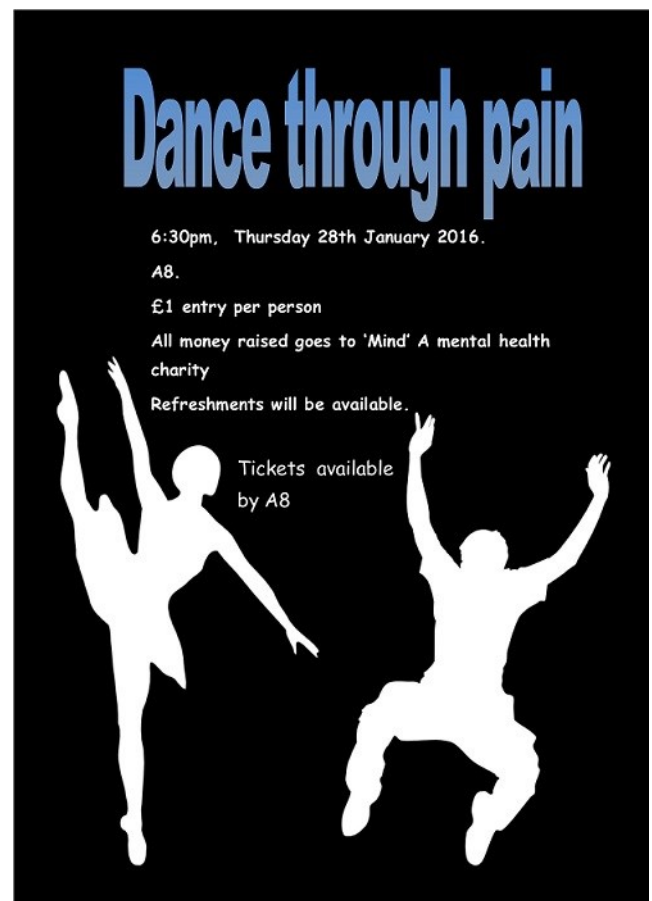
## Thursday, 28th January 2016—A8

As part of an EPQ qualification, Leah Rose, Year 12 student, is organising a charity dance performance, 'Dance Through Pain'. This event is to raise awareness of teenage mental health and she will be joined by students from SWR and other schools.

Students will perform a choreographed routine with an initial presentation by a representative from the charity MIND.

Students, staff and their families are invited to attend this event which starts at 6.30pm. Tickets for the performance cost £1 and are available from the A8 foyer at break and lunch. Refreshments will be on sale from 6.15 pm with all proceeds and donations going directly to the local charity, MIND.

Please support this student's initiative for this worthwhile cause.



**Dance through pain**

6:30pm, Thursday 28th January 2016.  
A8.  
£1 entry per person  
All money raised goes to 'Mind' A mental health charity  
Refreshments will be available.  
Tickets available  
by A8

## Letters home to parents/carers

Letter & consent form re Netball Superleague Fixture, 7th March 2015

Y12 Letter and consent form re UCAS Convention 2016, Brunel University, Uxbridge, on Thursday, 17 March 2016

Letter re Sixth Form Parents' Evening

Clubs & Activities Leaflet—Spring Term 2016

**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.