

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 22ND JANUARY 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

I have been so impressed with the way in which students have engaged with their lessons and returned to routines since the start of the year. I always tell students that it takes three weeks to establish good habits and the start of a new term is an excellent opportunity to focus on this. Therefore the end of week three is an ideal time for each student to check!

Achievement points will continue to be awarded for effort and attitude in the classroom. We will also continue to embed our values with students by tutors nominating individuals at the end of each week. I am pleased to report that behaviour concerns have now reduced to a very small number of isolated incidents and we are working hard to change and modify inappropriate behaviour and sanctioning it as appropriate.

The building programme is progressing well and students have been made aware of the particular importance of moving carefully around our site at this time. I apologise for the mud and also the cold start to this week. We are working hard to rectify problems with our heating system as it is unreasonable to expect students or staff to work in cold classrooms.

As I wrote last week, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to welcoming you to the Parent Council Meeting on the 2nd February, if you are able to attend.

Mr M Mayne

Head

Message for Year 12 & 13 Parents/Carers

This is to confirm that the Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening is on **Tuesday 26 January 2016** between 4.30 and 7pm. We request that students make appointments with all subject teachers prior to this date and that parents/carers should accompany the students on the evening.

A Hencken

Acting Head of Sixth Form

Message for Year 9 Parents/Carers

Year 9 Mentoring Day / Pathways Evening / Parents' Consultation Evening

Year 9 Mentoring Day is on Monday the 1st February 2016. All students will receive an interview time to attend in the LRC for an appointment with either their tutor, Mrs. Henwood or Mrs. Hillier. This is an opportunity to go over some of the option choices and discuss any pathways questions. Parents /Carers are not expected to be present unless specifically requested.

Year 9 Pathways Evening for Parents/Carers is on the 2nd February, from 6.30pm in A8. All departments will be represented and all parents/ carers and students have the opportunity to discuss together with teachers the options. **There is also a Parent Consultation evening on the 11th February.**

Mrs M Henwood

MFL Teacher & Year 9 Academic Leader

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.

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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)
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	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
25/03/16 - 11/04/16	Easter Holiday

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>

The Challenge—For Year 11 and 12 students



Hi from NCS,

NCS with The Challenge is coming to your school this Summer 2016! This is your chance to have a once in a lifetime summer and unlock a whole new future. Don't miss out!

In the meantime, we've got a teaser of NCS for you right here: <https://youtu.be/muH68IvqSDE>

For more information, check out our Facebook, Youtube, Instagram or Twitter! Just search National Citizen Service.

See you soon!

www.ncsthechallenge.org



Please see the link to the letter from National Citizen Service giving further details.

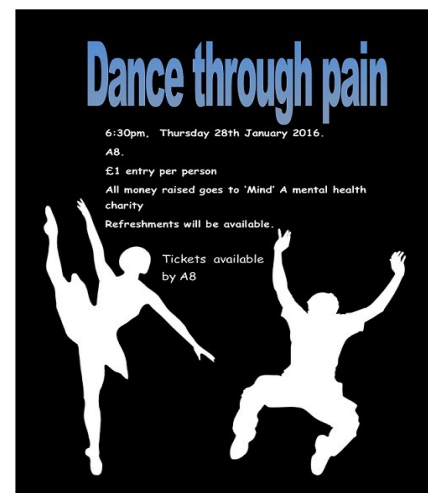
No student will be prevented from participating in this wonderful opportunity for financial reasons as full bursaries are available from the NCS. For further information please see Mrs Sneesby, Year 11 Pastoral Manager.

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.



Letters home to parents/carers

A letter re the Y11 Prom has been given to Year 11 students and is available on our website.

National Citizen Service Letter re The Challenge / Letter re Y9 Parents' Evening

Letter re Y9 Pathways 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.