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18th March 2022

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy few weeks at the school and it is good to see, as restrictions are relaxed, a variety of events, clubs and trips taking place. Last week we hosted our annual careers forum and a wide range of organisations, companies and training providers were available to talk about futures with parents, carers and young people. This was followed later in the week with a next steps evening for year 12 students and their parents/carers. This was well attended and focused on choices post year 13. Thank you to all those who supported these events and to all those involved in organising the events, including the student careers ambassadors.

Another team of student ambassadors, the mental health ambassadors along with Ms Latiff and Ms Magrowski, have led mental health assemblies this week. These have focused on kindness, compassion and looking after your own mental health and of others.

At this time we continue to reflect on the war situation in Ukraine. Our thoughts continue to be with families who are losing everything. It is a desperate and horrendous situation and I know our young people continue to reflect and think about what they can do to help. On Friday 25th March the school is having a Help for Ukraine day when staff and students are invited to wear items of yellow or blue (on top of their uniform) for a donation of £1. See the attached flyer

Parking news

A follow up letter has been sent and this is just a reminder that there is no longer the faculty for young people to be dropped on school site in the mornings. This also applies to after school. With the lighter mornings and evenings, and the increasing cost of fuel, perhaps this would be a good time to start dropping off your child further away from the school. This is also doing a little bit to look after the environment.

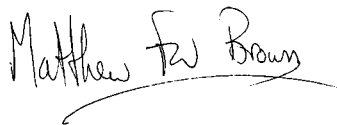
Staffing news

At the end of next week Ms Rawlinson leaves the school to take up a position in a school outside of teaching. We thank her for her work over several years in our English department. She has been instrumental and integral to leading changes in her role as second in charge of the faculty. We wish her all the best in the future and thank her for her work.

End of term

This term finishes on Friday 1 April 2022 at 12.15pm

The summer term starts for students at 8.20 for 8.30 on Tuesday 19 April 2022. It will be Week A when we return.



Matthew Brown, Head teacher

Careers Forum - Tuesday 8th March - 4.30pm - 7.00pm

Our Careers Forum on Tuesday 8th March was a huge success with the highest number of students attending we have ever had! With over 38 organisation's many career sectors, further and higher education establishments were represented.

Feedback from students included **'very informative and useful'**, **'I found it very good at explaining different career pathways for my future career'** and **'really useful evening'**. Equally the representatives commented on **'really well organised and well attended'**, **'impressed with the event'** and **'a great opportunity to showcase apprenticeships'**. The representative from **'Royal Veterinary College'** remarked that she had found it beneficial talking to our students as they were interested in various different subject areas including Biological Sciences.

Welcoming to the Forum for the first time were University of Derby, London Care and Apex Lifts. This year also saw around 68 Year 10 and Year 11 Hurstmere School students join us, the highest number ever attending!

We would like to say a big thank you to all our representatives, parents, carers and students in making this event extremely successful especially the Careers Ambassadors who helped at this event.



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Careers and Work Experience

Year 10 Careers Interviews

As part of our Careers provision all Year 10 students will be invited to attend a 1-2-1 interview with Maria Elia our Careers Advisor from Prospects Services.

These interviews will take place throughout April – July during school hours on each Tuesday. It will be very beneficial for your daughter to attend her interview as it will give her the opportunity to discuss her future career options post 16. All appointments will be placed in tutor trays on a weekly basis. Please remind your daughter to make a note of her date and time of appointment so that she does not miss it.

Mrs Smith, Work Experience Coordinator/Business Links Officer

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
21 st – 25 th March 2022	Achievement Assemblies (Daily during Community Time)
Wednesday 30 th March 2022	Year 9 HPV 2 vaccinations
Friday 1 st April 2022	Last day of term – early finish
4th -18th April 2022	Easter Holidays
Monday 18th April 2022	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 19 th April 2022	Summer Term starts – lessons begin at 8.30am
Thursday 21 st April 2022	Year 8 HPV1 vaccination and Catch ups Year 9s
Wednesday 26 th & Thursday 27 th April 2022	D of E Practice Expeditions
Thursday 28 th April 2022	Year 7 Parents Evening (online)
Monday 2nd May 2022	Bank Holiday
Monday 9 th May 2022	Year 10 HPV2 vaccination
Thursday 12 th May 2022	Year 8 Parents Evening (online)
Friday 20 th May 2022	HPV Year 8 and 10 Catch up vaccinations
Wednesday 25 th and Thursday 26 th May 2022	Year 11 D of E Expedition
30th May – 3rd June 2022	Half Term
Wednesday 22 nd to Friday 24 th June 2022	Year 12 Geography trip to Eastbourne
Thursday 23 rd June 2022	Science trip to South East London College
Thursday 30 th June	Challenge Day 3
2 weeks beginning 4 th July 2022	Year 10 Work Experience
Tuesday 5 th July 2022	Year 6 Induction Day/Parents Induction evening
Friday 8 th July 2022	Year 12 Induction Day
11 th – 15 th July 2022	Provisional dates for Community Presentation Celebrations
Friday 15 th July	Sports Day
Monday 18 th July 2022	Student Choice Day 1
Tuesday 19 th July 2022	Student choice Day 2
Wednesday 20 th July	Last day of term – early finish
Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd July 2022	INSET DAYS