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27th May 2022

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the May half term we reflect on the first few weeks of formal external examinations at the school. Well done to all students on their preparations and work. Also, well done to all the examination team. Half term affords the opportunity for young people to relax and recharge ready to focus on examinations again after the break.

This half term break has 2 bank holidays in it. These are to celebrate the 70th year on the throne of the Queen. Like a high percentage of the UK population, we have not lived in the U.K. under any different monarch. This week in assembly we have reflected on the Queen's loyal and unstinting service. I hope that you enjoy any celebrations you are involved in.

On the topic of service, there are 2 members of staff retiring over half term. Ms Estaugh has been a TA at the school since 2006. She has worked particularly with young people in mathematics. I wish her all the best in her retirement. Mr Braund has worked as a member of the site team since 2008. Like his colleagues, a great deal of his work goes on outside of normal school hours and days. I wish him all the best in his retirement. On behalf of all the school community I thank them both for their work.

The school is a member of a group of schools as part of the government's behaviour hubs initiative. We are working in partnership with other schools to share good practice and to continue to work on creating a positive school culture. As part of this, students will be completing a survey. This is being run by an outside organisation which we will administer in school. You should have received a letter seeking consent to take part in this. Thank you for your support for this.

I wish you and your family a pleasant half term. We return to school on Monday 6 June at 8.20 for an 8.30 start. It will be Week A when we return.

Matthew Brown, Head Teacher

Student Achievement

Jack Petchey Awards/Speak out Challenge

Many congratulations to Beth, Year 10 Y4, for representing Blackfen at this year's Jack Petchey Bexley Regional Finals, which took place at Bexley Grammar. As part of the speak out challenge, she delivered a 2 minute speech off by heart entitled, 'You are more than your grades' - a timely reminder that hard work and perseverance are just as important for personal growth as that end result on a piece of paper. Beth articulated her speech with superb accuracy, passion and confidence. There will be opportunities for Year 10 students to attend the workshops and participate again next year



Gymnastic achievement

One of our Year 10 students, Lisa in P7 and her junior gymnastics group competed at the English Championships in Bath recently and came 4th overall, 4th in Rope, 6th in Ball. Below is a photograph of all 6 members present from these English Championships.



Lisa also finished competing at British Gymnastics Championships this weekend. A&V junior has placed 8th in Rope, 7th in Ball and 8th overall. Well done.

Design & Technology Competition

A huge congratulations goes out to year 7 for completing the If You Were An Engineer, What Would You Do? Competition. The judges were all very impressed and you will receive your certificates in your form tray.

A massive congratulations to Jennifer in G2, Kaylee in P2 and Sophia in G3 for achieving Distinction and a special congratulations to Ghuasiya in P3 and Pema in P8, who not only achieved a distinction but have been shortlisted as finalists in the competition!

Well done!

Miss A. Kowalik
Subject Lead Design & Technology

SPACE CLUB


Mondays Lab 30 2.45-4pm starting Mon 6th June

If you are interested in anything to do with Space and Astronomy, Engineering or Science, this is for you. Aerospace is an exciting and growing area to be a part of!

You will be exploring space travel and be set a mission to design your own space craft after scientific investigation set by the European Space Agency and NASA.

We have an offer of a special guest 'Zoom talk' from Goonhilly Earth Centre (UK)

and also..... our in house astronomer will be showing you how to explore our Solar System from Earth.

All welcome 

Mrs Murphy

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Dates for your Diary

Remaining dates scheduled so far

Date	Event
30th May – 3rd June 2022	Half Term
22 nd – 24 th June 2022	Year 12 Trip to Eastbourne
Thursday 23 rd June 2022	Science Trip to East London College
Thursday 30 th June 2022	Challenge Day 3
2 weeks beginning 4 th July 2022	Year 10 Work Experience
Tuesday 5 th July 2022	Year 6 Induction Day
Friday 8 th July 2022	Year 12 Induction Day
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th July 2022	Community Presentation Celebrations
Friday 15 th July 2022	Sports Day
Monday 18 th July 2022	Student Choice Day 1
Tuesday 19 th July 2022	Student Choice Day 2
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Last day of term – early finish
Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd July 2022	INSET DAYS