

Friday 23rd April 2021

Equipment Expectations

Please ensure that your child is prepared for all lessons, with the correct equipment including black/blue pen, pencil and ruler etc. Pupils should also have a reading book in their bag, ready for their daily DEAR (Drop Everything and Read sessions).

Guided Reading for Pupils in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 - Why?

Pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 regularly take part in guided reading sessions during form time. Pupils read along as the tutor reads. Studies suggest reading challenging books quickly can help accelerate the progress of all pupils, even those who do not like reading. As the standard of reading improves, so does ability in all reading-based subjects. By reading early in the morning, it helps kick-start the brain, ready for a day of learning. All of the chosen books contain over 50,000 words which helps to improve and grow vocabulary. The chosen books also deal with real-life issues that are importance in our society.

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

Friday 30th April: Year 10 ERA day. We have lots going on for our Year 10 pupils, including motivational speaker, Musharaf Asghar (from the Channel 4 television programme 'Educating Yorkshire').

Monday 3rd May: Bank Holiday; school closed.

Tuesday 4th May to Monday 11th May: Year 11 assessments.

Some of our After-School Clubs Are Back...

Performing Arts



Day	Subject	Year	Time	Place
Monday	Drama	Year 7	2.50pm - 4.00pm	Meet at POD office
Monday	Music	Year 10	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Music Yard
Tuesday	Drama	Year 8	2.50pm - 4.00pm	Meet at POD office
Tuesday	Dance	Year 7	2.50pm - 4.00pm	Meet in H6
Friday	Music	Year 8	Boomwhacker Lunch Club	M6

Sports

Day	Subject	Year	Member of Staff
Tuesday	Football	Year 7	Mr Payne (shin pads advisable)
Tuesday	Touch Rugby	Year 7	Mr Jordan and Mr Siddons
Tuesday	Netball	Year 7	Mrs Hodges
Tuesday	Dance	Year 7	Miss Malins
Thursday	Football	Year 8	Mr Payne and Mr Wing (shin pads advisable)
Thursday	Netball	Year 8	Miss Collins

Year 11 Early Morning Wellbeing Basketball Sessions

Mr Wing has started running an early morning wellbeing basketball session for our Year 11 pupils. The sessions take place in the Sports Hall every Wednesday. Pupils should sign up with Miss Pickering in the first instance.

Year 12 and Year 13 After School Basketball

If your child is in Year 12 or Year 13 and would be interested in getting involved in an after school basketball session, please ask them to speak to either Russell (in Year 12) or Mr Wing. Sessions will take place on a Tuesday but pupils **must** sign up with Mr Wing before the first session.

ERA Point Up-date

Pupils are continuing to be awarded ERA points and are fast heading towards the magical 100,000. Special congratulations to our high scorers from last week: Year 7 - Charlie H, Year 8 - King T, Year 9 - Chloe W, Year 10 - Eric B and Year 11 - Alex A. Keep up the hard work everyone.

Johnny's Happy Place, Kettering - Free Café every Saturday Morning

Every Saturday morning from 11.00am to 1.00pm, Johnny's Happy Place in Rockingham Road, Kettering, operate a welcoming free café, offering tea and coffee, cakes and bacon rolls, everyone is welcome. For further details or to see what this fantastic organisation has to offer, head over to their Facebook page: [Johnny's Happy Place](#).



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