



Friday 1st March 2019



Attendance? It Matters...

Last Week's Whole School Attendance: 92.20% / Government target for Attendance: 95%

Please encourage your children to be punctual to school and lessons. We will be focusing on this to ensure the school's high expectations about it are met. Staff are in the corridors with clipboards writing down the names of students who are not in lesson on time. A text will be sent home and students will receive a late detention from their class teacher.

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the tablet for most improved attendance was Joshua B in Year 7. Well done Joshua, keep up the good work!

Online Safety

You might have heard of the recent 'Momo Challenge', a game that is played over WhatsApp where participants contact the character Momo and are then told to do a series of challenges, with the final challenge allegedly being suicide. This is extremely concerning and we urge you to read the information on the following weblinks and talk to your children about online safety: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/three-minute-briefing-momo-challenge?sfns=mo>, <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/whatsapp-guide-for-parents/>, <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/tiktok-guide-for-parents/>.

Please familiarise yourselves with the safeguarding page on our website (Parents/Safeguarding).

Calling all Year 11 students... Saturday Maths School

The Saturday maths sessions continue this week, **2nd March** 9.30 to 11.30am. The sessions will take place in the sixth form centre with Mr Baria and Miss Singh. #ERAlearner.

Appeal for Uniform Donations

Attention all parents; do you have uniform your child has outgrown, but is still in good shape?

If you have any unwanted uniform that is in a clean and wearable condition, that you would be willing to donate, especially grey blazers and ties, could you please hand them in at the front reception desk.

PE Department and Sports News

- An outstanding achievement by Dylan at the recent Birmingham Games Indoor Championships at the NIA. Dylan ran the U17 Men 800m and, considering he has had no speed training as he is in the middle of the cross country season and has not run on an indoor track before, he was awarded the Silver Medal, just 600th of a second off first place. Dylan ran a time of 1.59.8 which puts him 7th in the UK rankings. **#Excellence #Resilience and #Aspiration.**
- Well done to Freya, Dylan and Fynn who all recently competed in the East Anglia Cross Country event. Having excelled within their individual events, they have all qualified for the English Schools Cross Country championship. **#Excellence.**

Week Commencing Monday 4th March 2019

Monday 4th March: Year 12 and Year 13 design, art and photography trip to Berlin (returning Thursday 7th).

Monday 4th March: GCSE music performance exam - solo element.

Tuesday 5th March: Year 10 boys and girls DTP and MenACWY immunisations.

Tuesday 5th March: Year 9 boys' football at Latimer Arts College.

Wednesday 6th March: Year 9 options evening. Parents and students will have an opportunity to speak with subject teachers regarding the content, expectations and assessment style for all subjects; both core and optional subjects. Core subjects are English language, English literature, mathematics, combined science and the choice of either history or geography. Students will also have one hour of PE per week. Further information about this evening will follow in due course.

Wednesday 6th March: Year 9 girls' netball at Latimer Arts College.

Thursday 7th March: Year 9 subject taster sessions. Students will be off-timetable for part of the day and will take part in short, subject taster lessons for the option subjects which they have not yet studied. This will allow students to be clear about what the course involves and help them to make the right choices regarding their option choices. Further information about this will follow in due course.

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day - activities for students in the library all week.

Friday 8th March: Year 12 UCAS Higher Education Convention at De Montfort University, Leicester.

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th March: KS3 science week.

Tuesday 12th March: Year 9 boys' football match at home against Kettering Science Academy.

Wednesday 13th March: Year 7 and Year 8 science trip to the Big Bang Fair at the NEC, Birmingham. Students involved have been notified separately. Students should be at school by 8.30am (we will be leaving school at 9.00am); they will need a packed lunch and a drink, should be in full school uniform and have a waterproof jacket with them. We aim to be back at school by 4.00pm (traffic permitting) so students will need collecting at this time.

Wednesday 13th March: Year 7 girls' netball at Bishop Stopford School.

Thursday 14th March: Year 11 Head of Department/Head of Subject Parents' Evening (students involved in this will have been notified separately).

Save the date... Saturday 30th March: Spring Fair at Montsaye Academy, 12.00pm to 4.00pm.

For information on all of our extra-curricular activities, please remember to check the Montsaye Academy website.

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