



Friday 8th March 2019



Attendance? It Matters...

Last Week's Whole School Attendance: 94.22% / Government target for Attendance: 95%

This is a fantastic improvement in attendance, thanks to parents and students for all your efforts to ensure children are in school. Please continue to 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.

U-Explore Careers Platform



U-Explore is a leading careers guidance company who provide a comprehensive careers and employability programme that is based online through the **Start** Portal. All students, staff and parents are able to access this platform. Students should already be aware of the system and of how to use it.

Start is an easy-to-use online careers guidance portal that allows individuals to set up a personal profiling order, to make informed choices about their career path and future. Students can rate and reflect on their skills, as well as be able to explore future career and study options they may previously have been unaware of.

Using the wider U-Explore systems, staff are able to track and monitor the progress of each of their tutees and provide guidance to support students down their desired path. Students are also able to record their achievements, both inside and outside of school, so that they are able to easily access these when applying for college, apprenticeships or jobs, for example. This is a great opportunity to help our students to begin consider life beyond secondary school and we would encourage everyone to engage with it.

NSPCC Parents v Kids Online Quiz

Research has revealed that 48% of parents admit to not understanding the phrases their children use. To this end, O2 and the NSPCC have launched a quiz, testing the digital knowledge of parents' v kids to encourage families to have conversations about their online activity and to help bridge the generational language gap.

Why not have a try for yourselves: <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc/parents-vs-kids/play#/>

Calling all Year 11 students... Saturday Maths School

The Saturday maths sessions continue this week, **9th March** 11.00am to 1.00pm. The sessions will take place in the sixth form centre with Mr Baria and Miss Singh. #ERAlerner.

PE Department and Sports News

- We had ten students attend archery club last week, the first of six sessions, meaning that they were able to have lots of hands-on activity. Students really enjoyed the first session where they learned how to use the equipment safely and correctly. They quickly developed their accuracy and improved their shooting. **#Excellence.**
- Well done to the girls' netball team who recently won their first game and then narrowly lost their second and third. A great overall team performance. **#Resilience.**
- A huge thank you to GCSE PE student, Lewis A., who volunteered as a sports leader at the Key Stage 2 dodgeball tournament. Lewis was an excellent role model and played an important role in the running of the tournament. **#Aspiration.**

Year 10 and Sixth Form Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award has been launched to all Y10 and sixth form students. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their independence and the awards are nationally and internationally recognised, favoured by employers and universities alike. If you would like more information please visit www.dofe.org or contact Mrs Devlin.

Week Commencing Monday 11th March 2019

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).

Thursday 14th March: Year 11 trial exams commence (14th to 29th March).

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

Monday 18th March: Year 11 trial exams continue.

Tuesday 19th March: Year 9 boys' football match away at Kettering Buccleuch Academy.

Wednesday 20th March: Year 9 girls' netball tournament at Latimer Arts College.

Tuesday 26th March: Year 9 boys' football match at home against Bishop Stopford School.

Tuesday 26th March: Year 8 parents' evening. Letters will be sent out in due course.

Wednesday 27th March: Year 9 girls' netball tournament at Latimer Arts College.

Wednesday 27th March: Year 10 drama trip to the Curve Theatre in Leicester 5.30pm to 11.00pm with Mr Shea. Students involved in this trip have been notified separately.

Thursday 28th March: Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11 boys' futsal tournament play-off at Kettering Leisure Village.

Saturday 30th March: Spring Fair at Montsaye Academy, 12.00pm to 4.00pm. Craft stalls, cakes, fun games and activities for all the family. If you would like to reserve a craft stall (£5.00), please contact Linda Burnham (Friends of Montsaye): linda.burnham@sky.com.

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

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