



HEADLINES

End of Half Term

Already we have come to the end of the first half term of this new academic year – and it seems to have gone by very quickly. Overall it has been very good, students seem to have settled well and are working well in lessons and our new staff are already making significant contributions.

As is often the case this first half term has been pressured because of the number of public events: Year Information Evenings, Open Day, Open Week, Presentation Evening, Sports Awards Evening, Year 7 Settling-in Tea, UCAS Evening, Governors' Morning, Year 8 Impact Day, several important trips, talent performances and so on. All this on top of the day-to-day teaching, marking and preparation has kept us very busy indeed - no wonder the half term seems to have flown! My thanks to all families for their support. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term.

Year 8 Impact Day

On Tuesday we held the annual Impact Day for our Year 8 students, covering a variety of moral, ethical and community related issues. Although it takes up the time and energy of the Year 8 Pastoral Team it is a very valuable day during which a range of external agencies provide our students with information and insights into important issues that otherwise would not be possible. The agencies were fulsome in their praise of our students who not only enjoyed the day but whose behaviour was exemplary.

Sunil Chotai

May the Force be with you



Thank you to the Year 10 art students for a thoroughly enjoyable trip out to The Science Museum last Friday. The work produced on the 'Force Bingo' worksheet was beautiful and your behaviour was exemplary. Well done

Miss Wills and Mrs Doig

Uniform reminder—acceptable footwear

A reminder that half term is the deadline for students to comply with the uniform requirements for acceptable footwear. From Monday 31 October the school will take disciplinary action if anything other than plain black shoes are worn.

There are images on the school website in the uniform section to help. No trainers or hybrid style trainer/shoe such as Airforce 1's, Vans or Converse are acceptable.

School shoes should be:

- Low heeled, plain black shoes with black stitching
- Leather or leather look; no canvas or suede shoes
- No logo's and any laces should be plain black
- No boots covering the ankle or higher
- No sling backs or open toes

Thank you.

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

21 October 2016—INSET—school closed to pupils
 24 to 28 October—half term
 28 October 2016—Dance trip to Sadlers Wells
Monday 31 October to Friday 4 November 2016:
 31 October 2016—Deadline for uniform requirements for acceptable footwear
 31 October to 4 November—National Anti-bullying Week
 1 November 2016—Year 7 geography trip to London Zoo
 2 November 2016—Darwin’s got Talent—for tickets see below

Year 7 football team shows potential

This week our Year 7 football team hosted a match against an impressive, unbeaten Wilmington Academy team that were yet to concede a goal and had scored 13 goals in two games against local rivals, including Wilmington Grammar School.

The match started with Wilmington having most of the possession and it looked initially like it would be a tough afternoon for our boys. However, they weathered the storm and began to play some excellent football of their own. Any nerves were eased with a well taken goal from Teddy Tolland just before half time.

In football you never take it for granted that at 1-0 or even 2-0 after a fabulous strike from Louis Hudson Broadway, that the game is won. However, with excellent defensive performances from Alex Wilkinson, Joe Barden and an outstanding contribution from Captain Amadeus Addotey, that was even recognised by the opposition’s teachers, the team were very unlikely to concede a goal.

A well-taken and well deserved breakaway goal from Connor Hill late in the game sealed an excellent 3-0 win for a team that has lots of potential.

Well done boys, Cleve Park School await us in round three.



Darwin’s Got Talent: on Wednesday 2 November 2016
 please return to Miss Currie

Pupil name: _____ Form: _____

Please reserve _____ tickets at £3.00 each. I enclose £_____ cash.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending
 14/10/2016
 Jacob Brooks and Lucy Vowles
 from 8MGr/ CZy

Mrs Mills

★ Geography Star of the week is awarded to Joe Barden in 7SAr. Joe displays such an enthusiastic approach to all of his work and will always push himself to complete tasks that are more challenging. Well done. **Miss Allum**

Settling in tea

Thank you and well done to all the Year 7 Student Voice, the Year 11 prefects and the Head Boy and Head Girl for helping at this week’s Year 7 Settling in Tea.

Turn out was high for this event so thank you also to all the families who attended and took advantage of this opportunity to meet the form tutors.

Anyone who was unable to attend and who pre-ordered photographs can collect them after half term.

Watch out for full details for the fundraising at this event in a future issue of the Link.

Mr Tracy



If you have not already done so, please ensure you activate your ParentPay account. A range of items will be available on ParentPay including trips, revision guides and workshops. When places are limited, you may miss out on something popular for your child if you have not activated your account before you can book. Thank you.

Finance Department

PARENTS EVENINGS 2016/17

Year 12: 24 November 2016

Year 13: 24 November 2016

Year 11: 19 January 2017

Year 8: 9 February 2017

Year 9: 9 March 2017

Year 10: 26 April 2017

Year 7: 3 May 2017