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HEADLINES

A Level Private View

On Tuesday evening Mrs Rees and I went to the Art, Textiles and Photography exhibition private view. It was really inspiring; walking around the Art rooms looking at the creative work on display and reading extracts from the essays that students had worked on so skilfully and with so much commitment and talent. It was really interesting for me to talk to the staff as we toured the work, helping me appreciate the complexity of the thinking behind the work and its level of challenge. My congratulations to all the students whose work was on display, it is extremely impressive.

Other commitments prevented me from attending the GCSE private view, but I am reliably informed that it was equally impressive. Once again my congratulations to those students whose work was on display.

Uniform

If the forecast for next week is correct, it looks like the temperature is set to increase dramatically. May I remind parents that in the case of hot weather students should still wear their blazers to and from school but may, with the class teacher's permission, remove their blazers during lesson time. We would expect ties to remain on at all times with shirts tucked in, maintaining our uniform expectations. Any exceptions to this would be communicated to students on a daily basis.

Sunil Chotai

Save the date Sports Awards 2019

celebrating sporting achievement in the 2018-19 season will be held on

Wednesday 3 July at 7:00pm
by invitation only

The PE department is in the process of issuing invitations to pupils who have made a contribution to sports at the school.

Bromley Minors Championships

Last week the Year 7 and 8 Boys and Girls Athletics team took part in the annual Bromley Minors Championships. The weather wasn't great so it made running conditions particularly tricky, however our Met Track mentor and coach, Aiden Syers was on hand to provide our students with some much needed technical advice and feedback. Despite the weather the team did superbly well.



The Boys Year 7 team came 4th (out of 18 schools) which is our highest position for a number of years and the Boys Year 8 team came 15th.

Special congratulations to Year 7 students, Aiden Fletcher, who came first in the 200m with a time of 25.92, Sam Parrish who came 5th in the 100m Hurdles which is a huge achievement considering it was his first time running the hurdles, Sam Hards who came joint 4th in the 800m with a time of 2.43 and Javian Neveu-Scott who made the final of the 100m and came 8th with a time of 13.94.

Special congratulations also to Year 8 Billy Eastwood who tied for 2nd in the 1500m with a time of 5:02 and Daniel Aduwo made the 100m final and came 8th with a time of 13.99.

Well done everyone.

Mr Simpson

ONLINE SAFETY

It has come to our attention in Year 7 this week that a WhatsApp group of Year 7's appears to have been hacked into by an unknown male. The Year 7 Pastoral team have been working very closely with the pupils to ensure they have not responded to these messages, notifying relevant parents, reporting this to the police and Child Exploitation Online Protection (CEOP). Their recommendation was that parents should talk to their children to check they haven't received any notification such as this, contact the police on 101 and, if the messages continue, to change the child's number as well as their profile/account. The police are investigating this issue with children we are aware of.

We have continued to reinforce the online safety message in school around blocking unknown numbers and not responding to messages from people you don't know. The Year 7 team have been really impressed with how maturely children have dealt with these messages and kept themselves safe. Our concern remains to be profile images that children are using which can be seen by individuals, which in some cases suggest children are much older than they are. Please can we continue to encourage parents to discuss online safety with their children, keeping communication with their children open around their online lives

Mrs Rees, Deputy Head

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Forthcoming events - Summer Term 2019

JUNE

23 to 25 June - Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition

26 June - Year 12 Driven by Consequences

27 June - Year 12 Ecology Field trip to Westerham

28 June - Year 11 Ball

JULY

1 July - Year 12 Taster Day

1 to 5 July - Year 7 Penny - Collection

3 July - Sports Awards

5 July - Sports Day

8 to 10 July - Silver Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition

17 and 18 July - Enrichment days

18 July - Year 10 Mock interviews

19 July - Year 12 trip to Zanzibar

19 July - Celebration of Success Assemblies

19 July - End of Term

22 July - INSET Day - School closed to students

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AUGUST

15 August - A Level results day

22 August - GCSE results day

ADVANCE NOTICE

Please note:

The Year 11 Leavers' Breakfast takes place on

Friday 28 June 2018.

There will therefore be a late start for all other year groups who should register at 10:30am ready for Period 3 on this day. The School gates will not open until 10.15am so please do not arrive before this time.

The 664 Bus service will depart New Addington at 09.30am

The 684 Bus service will depart Orpington Station at 09.30am

School Diversity week 1-5th July

This year, we have been proud to recognise Black History month, National Anti-bullying Week and Mental Health Awareness Week, along with other national days across the school as part of our Personal, Social, Health and Emotional education. School Diversity Week, organised by the charity Just Like Us (justlikeus.org), was launched with the support of the Department for Education.

Alongside our anti-bullying and safeguarding policies, taking part in School Diversity Week is an important way of actively supporting LGBT+ young people in our school, and of demonstrating our commitment to an inclusive school environment. It is a chance to explain to all our pupils the importance of diversity in the world we are preparing them for. Merchandise will be sold during the week, and assemblies, lessons and tutorial activities may also increase awareness of diversity.

Mrs Rees

Pupils for Praise

**Duty pupils of the week ending
21.06.19**

Thank you to all the Year 9s who stepped in and helped this week.

Mrs Mills, Reception

Open Morning 2019

Saturday 28 September

9.30am - 12.30pm

Headteacher's talks at

9:30am and 11:15am

Open Week:

Tuesday 1 – Friday 4 October

A daily guided tour of the school in action at 08.40 followed by a Headteacher talk at 09.30am.

Year 11 and Year 13

If you have revision guides or textbooks in good condition that you will no longer need, we would be grateful if you would consider donating them to the school so that other students could use them.

If you do, please leave them in Main Reception.

Ms Kelly

Year 11 Leavers

If you are a Year 11 student we would be very happy if you would consider donating your school uniform at the end of the Summer term.

Blazers, trousers and skirts **only**, can be handed in to Student Services.

Mrs Paterson

Year 9 and Year 10

Sex and Relationships sessions will happen next week in Science lessons following their exams. If you do not want your child to take part in these sessions please write a note in your child's planner or email their Science teacher no later than Friday 28th June. Thank you.

Ms Sampson

Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:

Parents/carers must phone before 08:30 with a full reason on every day of their child's absence.