



FRIDAY REVIEW

Teaching and Learning

We believe very strongly in lifelong learning. We encourage the pupils to develop enquiring minds and to constantly be looking to see if they can improve what they do. The same applies to us as teachers and I have been delighted at the willingness of staff to engage in new ideas to help improve the quality of learning for pupils. During our training sessions we are focusing on how we can help the pupils develop their literacy and communication skills. Anything you can do at home to support this will benefit your child enormously. If you want to find out more about how you can help at home please contact your child's Head of Year.

School uniform

As the weather has got colder we have seen an outbreak of inappropriate clothing. Hoodies and sports tops, or anything that looks like it, are not acceptable in school. Please support us in ensuring that pupils look smart and are good ambassadors at all times.

ISSP Seniores

On Wednesday evening as part of the ISSP Seniores we were delighted to welcome the Education Editor of The Times newspaper. He spoke on his role and how he reached this post through dedication and hard work. He spoke about the responsibility of journalists as a whole and how unsettled he was by the idea of phone hacking. The students once again were outstanding in the standard of questions which they put to him. They were also intrigued by his use of shorthand and exactly why he used it. Once again, the event was a great success.

Careers Convention

Today saw the pupils in Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 take the next step on the road in their careers choices with our annual Careers Convention. Having all organised their priorities for the day by deciding how best to use their time at the convention, each year group was given an opportunity to speak to representatives from the world of business (both local and multinational), higher educational

establishments and careers advisors. All pupils were able to get valuable advice and guidance as to how to make the most of their opportunities and more importantly, what they will have to do to enable their aspirations to become a reality. In addition to our pupils, we were also very pleased to host students from Haybrook College at the careers fair.

Sutton Life Centre

Last Friday three Year 8 tutor groups went on a trip to Sutton Life Centre, the remaining three tutor groups visited today. The pupils were introduced to four experiences which covered a broad variety of topics, such as the Street scene which dealt with issues relating to bullying, alcohol consumption, smoking and knives.

6th Form Applications

Y11 pupils who have applied to join the 6th Form in September 2012 will be interviewed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team in February to discuss their option choices. A letter will be sent home with further details. However, if your child has not submitted their applications as yet they may still do so. Visit our website for a copy of our 6th Form prospectus and application form. Do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries regarding 6th Form applications.

Art Coursework Deadlines

Next Friday 27th January is the deadline for all Art pupils to hand in their coursework. They will then spend periods 2-5 in the Art rooms where they will be given their final exam paper and will be taken through the questions. This time will allow them to research the questions thoroughly, under the guidance of their Art teachers and ensure that they leave fully prepared to start their preparation studies, ready for their final exam in early May. Also a reminder that there is a Saturday Art Class from 10-12 on the 21st and 28th January for all Art pupils.

A2 Financial Studies Results

Congratulations to the Year 13 Finance group who achieved 100% success rate in our most recent exam. Special

congratulations go to Asim Hussain who scored a distinction, the highest in the class. The Diploma in Financial Awareness is an A level equivalent course recognised by universities. It allows the student to become more aware of modern financial issues and become aware of their own finances. This course is specifically designed for students who want to go into a career in the financial industry, maybe an accountant, marketing or a bank manager. We currently have more than 40 students doing the course and hope our numbers will grow as we help produce successful bankers for the future.

Year 8 PSHCE

Year 8 Pupils will be covering ways of dealing with behaviour which makes them feel unhappy, uncomfortable or unsafe as part of their PSHCE lessons in the coming term. Some of these sessions may be delivered within their tutor groups and some in smaller teaching groups. If your child is made to feel uncomfortable, unhappy or unsafe, please encourage them to talk to a member of staff about it.

Safe Internet Day

As many of you will be aware, some children and young people are placing themselves at risk through their use of the internet, social media and mobile phone technology. In school, we are working hard to make sure that our pupils know the dangers and are able to protect themselves but it is important that we work together with parents to get these messages across.

SAFE CIC and CEOP (the Child Exploitation and Online Protection) Centre are working in partnership to promote SID 2012 (Safer Internet Day) on February 7th. Visit the website www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents for details and information on how you can protect your children from the risks posed by the internet.

Year 12 Bursary

Pupils who are eligible for bursary payments will receive a further payment at the end of the month. This payment is made provided that the pupil has good

attendance & punctuality and is not underperforming in any subject. These criteria ensure that our pupils make the best of their time in the 6th form. Any who fail to qualify will have 2 weeks to make improvement.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

This takes place on Thursday from 4pm until 7 pm. Please make sure that your child has made appointments with all teachers and that you arrive early enough to collect and read your child's report before your first appointment.

Leadership Training

PiXL (Performance in Excellence) is a collaboration of over two hundred schools that work closely together to share good practice and help young people achieve maximum success. We have been a part of this work since it first started and we were very pleased today to host some leadership training for staff in local schools lead by PiXL trainers.

Upcoming events

- Tuesday 24th January –
Year 10 boys football practice
- Wednesday 25th January –
Year 7 boys football versus Sandhurst
- Thursday 26th January –
Year 9 boys football versus Easthamstead Park
- Tuesday 31st January –
Karting practice
- Friday 3rd February –
Winter Sports Day
- Tuesday 7th February –
Karting Finals

We would value your comments on any of the items in the Friday Review.

Please email to

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 26th January
Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 9th February
Years 12 and 13 Parents' Evening

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