



24th November 2011

THURSDAY REVIEW

Strike Action

We are liaising with staff about the intended national strike action on Wednesday 30th November. Some unions appear not to have given guidance yet to their members and we are not in a position yet to say how this will affect the school. Please monitor our website carefully on Tuesday and Wednesday morning to see if the school needs to be closed or if we can have specific year groups in.

Slough Learning Partnership

This week Slough and Eton hosted the interviews for the Slough Learning Partnership (SLP) Coordinator post. The SLP is a collaboration between schools across the primary and secondary phases in Slough to support the best learning for all young people in the area. Slough and Eton will be supporting this aim as much as we possibly can.

UCAS Student Workshop

On Wednesday our Year 13 students were engaged in a UCAS support workshop during the course of the afternoon. The aim was for pupils to work in small groups with staff who offered them support in completing their UCAS application form as well as reviewing their personal statement. We are delighted that some of our pupils have already received conditional offers from their chosen universities. The application process will continue for the remainder of this half-term. Can you please ensure your son/daughter completes their application as soon as possible as the deadline for submitting applications (15th January 2012) is fast approaching.

Student Finance Talk

Today Student Finance England visited Slough & Eton to deliver a presentation to Year 13 students wanting to start university in September 2012. Students listened to talks about the changes in student finance and gained an insight into

university life. Our students also had the opportunity to talk to the guest speaker, a recent university graduate, on an individual basis.

This was a positive experience for our students who commented that "regardless of the increasing fees, it's not nearly as bad as you think!"

Year 12 & Year 13 Mock Exams

These exams are scheduled to take place week beginning 5th December for all Year 12 and Year 13 students currently studying A-level subjects. Please encourage your son/daughter to prepare for these exams sufficiently and take advantage of any available revision classes. All students should have received a copy of their exam timetable, however, if they do not have a copy they are advised to see their Form Tutor or Mr Amod.

School Closed Friday 25th November

Please be reminded that school is closed tomorrow. Pupils should be back in school on Monday at 8.20am.

Gifted, Talented and Able Conference

Last week we held our first GTA conference. Targeted pupils from Years 7-11 were able to experience a different type of learning. Working in teams of five, the pupils completed a range of activities that developed their higher order thinking skills, through team work and problem based dilemmas. All the pupils involved in the conference did amazingly well and were true ambassadors for our school.

Throughout their time at Slough and Eton these thirty pupils will be given the opportunity to take part in future conferences and GTA events giving them the opportunity to develop their learning in a new and unique way.

The next GTA Pupil Conference will be in January 2012.

Technology Pupil of the Month

Every month two pupils are recognised for their extra effort

and attainment within Technology lessons. The November winners of these awards are: Attainment: Nevine Singer (7 Grey) and Extra effort: Sean Burns (8 Mauve) Congratulations to these pupils whose certificates will be displayed in the Technology Lobby very soon.

Year 10 Drama Showcase

Congratulations to all the Year 10 students who performed in a Drama Showcase. They certainly rose to the challenge performing maturely. The scripts were not easy, but the Year 10 Drama students managed them with aplomb. It was a great showcase and thank you to those parents, families and staff who attended.

Thames Hospicecare Charity Show

Last night we held a charity show in aid of Thames Hospicecare. There were some fantastic performances from our pupils and the event was a success raising £159.76 for the charity.

Seniores

Tonight we will be hosting a Seniores meeting with guest speaker, Dr Sarah Abbas, talking about becoming a doctor, mentoring young people, and women in the world of medicine.

Bugsy Malone

We are proud to announce that there will be a production of Bugsy Malone on the 1st and 2nd December starting at 6pm. Tickets costing £3 must be bought in advance as they will not be sold on the night.

Bugsy Malone is an extravaganza of Music, Live Band, Dancing and Acting. It is going to be an extremely exciting show. There are only a limited number of tickets left. Come along for a superb show.

Tickets will be sold at lunchtimes in the hall.

Skillforce Trip

Wednesday saw our Year 11 pupils continue to develop their vocational educational skills in

Windsor Great Park as part of their on-going Skillforce qualifications. The group took to the tasks with enthusiasm and commitment and certainly made the best use of their time outside of the normal school environment. Trip leader Gabriella Smith was incredibly impressed by the groups' attitude and tenacity in solving the problems that they encountered.

Year 7 Football

Slough and Eton hosted the Slough 2011 Year 7 Boys 5-a-side football tournament. The tournament was a very high standard with St. Bernard's eventually winning the tournament after defeating Slough and Eton in the group stages.

Trip to the Men's World Tennis Finals at the O2 arena, London

A group of Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 eager tennis players went to the O2 arena to see the year end world finals where the top eight players in the men's game are in action. The Slough and Eton group were lucky enough to brush shoulders with the stars on the practice courts, see World number one Novak Djokovic receive an award and see the in-form Jo-Wilfred Tsonga in action.

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

Friday 25th November

INSET Day – School Closed

Week commencing 5th December

Years 12 and 13 Mock Exams

Friday 16th December

Last day of Autumn Term – school will close at 12.25pm

Wednesday 4th January 2012

All pupils return at 8.20am

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