Headteacher Weekly Review

Happy New Year and welcome back!

I hope you enjoyed a good holiday, if indeed you were able to take some time off. Christmas is my favourite holiday and we celebrated on the 28th as my youngest was on night shift until then. It was a really lovely day and two excited five year olds really made it all the more special. I know how lucky I am to have them so near and we were joined by our Tokyo contingent on Facetime.

Here we are in January and the decorations are down and resolutions have been made and broken across the nation.

It is good to be back in school and more or less carrying on as we did before. Masks in classrooms are new nationally, but so many here wore these before Christmas so the change is not that significant.

I am very grateful to you for your support with the testing on Wednesday. We had one positive result following the testing in school but forty students had tested positive at home and so of course did not come in to be tested in school. Most are due to return during next week and we hope they all remain well. We ask that you continue to test twice weekly and we have been told that the nursing team will return just before February half term to administer the second vaccine to those students with consent.

Our last day before Christmas was a non-uniform day to raise money for Brain Tumour Research and we raised just short of £1100. So thank you to everyone for their contributions to this.

This term, on next Thursday 13th January we have our Year 9 Subject Evening. This will be online and will give parents, students and staff the opportunity to discuss progress and option choices. The window for choosing subjects to study at Key Stage 4 opens after this evening.

Also in January we begin our interviews for Sixth Form and our online Subject Evening for Year 7 is on Thursday 27th January. This is followed by Year 8 on Thursday 3rd February.

There is a very full timetable of exams and PPEs for Year 11 and 13 and these timetables have been shared with students. We get lots of questions about exams in the summer and we do expect these to go ahead but as we have shared before with the students and parents in Years 11 and 13, we have been asked to make contingency plans. We have been told any decisions regarding exams will be made by February half term.

Here's to a great start to the year and thank you once again in anticipation of your support.

Debbie Smith Headteacher



Headteacher's Award



Friday 7th January 2022

Evelyn Baird 9Y1 Timothy Manyuk 8Y2

Yasmine Bowden 8R2 Alexia Mihai 7R1

Evie Brown 7B1 Pollyanna Mitchell 8Y1

Izabelle Caiger-Oake 7B2 Chloe Petford 8R2

Lucy Corless 7R1 Esther Sharp 8G1

Sudharsan Gurung 7G1 Harriet Somerville 7R2

Chloe Hammond 7R2 Sierra Steadman 10G2

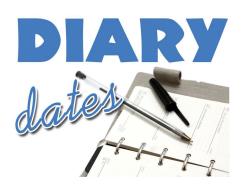
Daisy Jolly 11B2 Kiera Thorne 10R1

Mia Kelly 8B1 Alicja Zadtka 11G1

Amelia Laugher 7B2

The winner of this week's Headteacher's Award is:

Daisy Jolly





Thursday 13th January	Year 9 Subject Evening				
Monday 17th January	Year 9 option choices window opens				
Monday 24th January	Formal PPE Series Years 11, 12 and 13 start				
Thursday 27th January	Year 7 Subject Evening				
Friday 28th January	Year 9 option choices window closes				
Thursday 3rd February	Year 8 Subject Evening				
HALF TERM					
Monday 14th - Friday 18th February					
Monday 21st February	Inset Day				
Monday 28th February	Year 12 Geography visit to Snowdonia				
Thursday 3rd March	6th Form Subject Evening				



Pastoral



Top Achievers from each house for Housepoints earned during the Autumn Term are:

Bailey—Imani

Gemini—Edward

Romer—Charlie

Young—Lola

Well done to these students, a fantastic effort!







It was March 2020 when we were literally one week away from performing our 50th Anniversary show 'Summer of 69', when Covid really hit and the first lockdown began. Sadly, we were never able to perform that show, but over a year and half later, just before Christmas the Performing Arts Department were delighted to be able to host their first public performance in a long time! Following all of the restrictions put in place because of Covid, and the subsequent collapse of the roof last October, it has certainly been a difficult and challenging time for us in the Performing Arts. That's why it was such a pleasure to be able to host an evening of entertainment, however modest, in our new and improved Drama Studio. I know a number of people in the audience found the whole evening quite emotional on a number of levels.

As always it is a pleasure to be able to share our students Performing Arts journeys, whatever step they may be on, and it was fantastic to see so many young students taking up the reins and stepping up to take part. There were some wonderful solo and ensemble performances and we were very proud of everyone who participated. I would like to thank you for your commitment and your contributions.

As we move forward this year I am hopeful that we can continue to build (both literally and metaphorically!) on our show-case and return the Performing Arts to the forefront of school life.

I would like to thank everyone involved for their support and congratulate the cast on a wonderful evening full of joy and promise for the future.

Mr Lovejoy













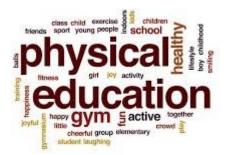














PE Clubs January 2022

Clubs run from 3:10pm to 4:00pm.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School	Netball – Year 9,10,11 Mrs Evans Fitness – year 10 Mrs Van den Brink Basketball – year 8, 9, 10, 11 Coach D'Mellow (need letter/each session £2.00) GCSE PE revision – Mr King	Netball – Year 7 and 8 Mrs Van den Brink Miss Montgomery Boys Football - Year 8 and 9 Mr King Mr Martin Badminton – year 7 and 8 Mrs Evans Fitness – year 11 Mrs Evans	Basketball – year 7 Coach D'Mellow (need letter/each session £2.00) Girls football – all years Mrs Van den Brink Mrs Davis Fitness – Year 10 Mr King GCSE PE revision – Miss Montgomery	Boys Football – Year 7 and 10 Mr King Mrs Van den Brink Badminton – year 9,10 and 11 Mrs Davis Fitness – year 11 Mrs Davis	Basketball – year 9,10 and 11 Mr King

As you can see some of the clubs are still the same as last term but others have changed.

A letter will be sent out about the basketball clubs but the remaining clubs will start from Monday 11th January.

We will do our best to run the clubs as this timetable shows but due to sports fixtures taking place, on some occasions the clubs may need to be cancelled.

Mr King





Have you seen this new notice board?

Do you know what it's all about?



If you think you know the connection

pop in to see Ms Milton (in A16) or fill in this form: https://forms.gle/6bMki79Bmp7MxM8L8







Your Governing Body needs you: We all belong

Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies; they hold the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school.

Through the children, they have a first-hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the community's point of view.

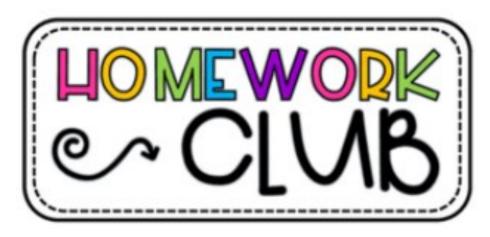
This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the strategic management of the school.

To effectively fulfil the role, parent governors should:

- ✓ Attend four governing body meetings a year
- ✓ Attend training as necessary
- ✓ Get to know the school
- ✓ Present balanced views representing different sections of the community.







Every Day 2:50 - 3:50pm in PC4

KEEP
CALM

AND

COME TO
CATCH UP CLUB

KS3 Maths Catch Up Club will resume on Monday after school from 2:50 until 3:30.

All are Welcome







If your child has to use a Pink IOU Lunch Card, due to insufficient funds on their Scopay account, you will be notified that they've used one and asked to top up the account. Once the account is in credit then the charges from the pink cards will be applied to the account, these will appear on the account even though no purchase has been made.

Chef



As well as after school snacks, Cucina are now serving breakfast for students from 7.30am - 8.30am.

There's a good selection of items from bacon/sausage baps, toast with lots of different spreads, pastries, fruit pots, yoghurts and cereals.

Chef





Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and

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T: 0300 365 0077

School-aged Immunisation Team Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust E: Westschoolimms@berkshire.nhs.uk

Eastschoolimms@berkshire.nhs.uk Centralschoolimms@berkshire.nhs.uk

Dear Parent/Carer,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS REGARDING THE COVID-19 VACCINATION

The school-aged immunisation service will be visiting your child's school in the spring term of 2022. For most pupils, aged 12 years and over, this will be their 2nd dose, however if your child missed the 1st dose, this can still be given in the school setting. The service relies on parents providing up to date information to the service.

NB: For healthy children, there must be a 12-week interval between a 1st and 2nd dose of the Covid-19 vaccine*.

*If your child has been identified by his/her GP or consultant as clinically extremely vulnerable, or is living in the same household as someone who is immunosuppressed (e.g. receiving chemotherapy or has had an organ transplant), the recommended interval between a 1st and 2nd dose is 8 weeks, and he/she may require a 3rd and/ or booster dose. Parents will need to contact the GP to arrange further doses.

For children (not classified by their GP or consultant as clinically extremely vulnerable), it is not advised for them to have a Covid-19 vaccine within 12 weeks of a **laboratory positive PCR test** (this is different to a lateral flow test).

In January more details will be sent out through schools with a link to our consent form. Currently the National Booking Service will be opening for this cohort from the 20th December 2021, if your child is eligible and you wish for them to have it elsewhere please follow the link below.

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/

Regards

School Aged Immunisation Team

















Congratulations to the following students who have produced work of an exceptional level. All students will be nominated for the Headteacher's Award.







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Year 7 - Chloe Hammond



Year 7 - Amelia Laugher



Year 7 - Suharsan Gurung





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Year 7 - Harriet Somerville



Year 7 - Lucy Corless





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Year 8 - Chloe Petford

Year 8 - Esther Sharp



Year 9 - Evelyn Baird



Year 8 - Timothy Manyuk





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Year 8 - Mia Kelly

Year 8 - Pollyanna Mitchell



Year 8 - Yasmine Bowden







Teacher ASK Apprenticeship Awareness Talk

What is an apprenticeship? How do they work? How can your students find one? Find out the answers to these questions and more.

Presented by qualified Career Advisers
Carrie Grafham and Lucy Warner via Zoom

Tuesday 8th February 2022

8am

Please book via the Adviza Portal under event page HERE

Cost: FREE | for school staff

For more information please email careersguidanceeadviza.org.uk 0118 402 7050 | www.adviza.org.uk





We are delighted to announce that What University? & What Career? Live is returning to the NEC, Birmingham on 4 & 5 March 2022!

This unmissable event for 15 - 19 year olds is the perfect opportunity for students to explore their higher education and career options under one roof so they can make an informed decision about their next steps.

What's on:

Speak directly to top employers and leading universities about what it's like to work or study with them and what the application process involves

Watch 40+ inspiring talks, covering everything from applying for an apprenticeship, through to student finance

Get one-to one advice from independent careers advisors in the Careers Advice Lounge

Participate in free employability skills workshops

Plus much more!

Essential details | FREE entry

Date: Saturday 5 March: 10am - 4pm

Venue: NEC, Birmingham, B40 1NT

For more information visit: What Career? & What University? Live 2022





Who do I talk to if I can't sleep? The National Sleep Helpline can help with your sleep problems.



National Sleep Helpline - The Sleep Charity

Huge thanks to our corporate partner, Furniture Village, who has helped us to launch a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access

thesleepcharity.org.uk

SPEAK TO TRAINED SLEEP ADVISORS

Available Sunday - Thursday 7pm - 9pm

This is a confidential service. We would only need to share what you tell us if we are worried about you, someone else or there has been a crime.





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- Join our weekly lottery from just £1 a week
- It's an easy way to support our school and help raise funds
- 40% of ticket sales come back to us
- There's a guaranteed winner every week as well as the chance to win £25,000
- It's easy to sign up online so start supporting our school today!



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It's simple - choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes with a jackpot prize of up to £25,000! One of our supporters will win a cash prize every week. Tickets cost just £1 per ticket per week and 40% of all ticket sales are donated to your school.

Draws are conducted every Saturday at 8pm and results are posted online. Winners will be notified via email and the winnings will be paid straight into an account of their choosing.

The easiest and quickest way to join our lottery is online where you can set up your payment either by direct debit or one off payment card. Alternatively, set up can be done over the phone using the contact details below.

It's so easy to join and you could make a real difference to your school.



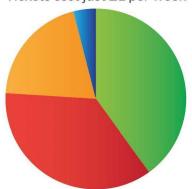
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100 tickets sold means

- = £30 a week cash prize
- = £2,080 a year for your school

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Tickets cost just £1 per week



- 40p goes directly to your school
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