

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Week B - Monday 12 March 2018

Quote of the Week

“Every mountain top is within reach if you just keep climbing”

by Barry Finlay, sourced by Darcey, Year 10

From Mr Skelton

Assembly Programme

Focus: The benefits of volunteering: Mencap Summer Scheme
Tuesday: Years 12 and 13

Focus: Year Group specific
Wednesday: Year 11 - NCS
Thursday: Year 9 - (Mrs Beckwith / Mrs Mileham)
Friday: Year 10 – (Mr Skelton / Mrs Daly)

From Mrs Quinn

CURRENT Year 10 - History Trip to Berlin

The deadline for deposits for this trip is **Friday 16 March**. Please ensure all deposits are in for this date.

From Mrs Green

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh

All students registered for Bronze Duke of Edinburgh **MUST attend a meeting in A68 at morning break on Wednesday 14 March**.

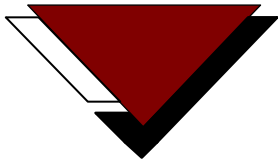
Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh

Please remember sessions will be running as normal on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school.

From Mrs Moore

GCSE and A level Geographers only

A trip to Norway will be running in April 2019. If you would like a letter or more information about this, then speak to your Geography teacher.



From Mr Turney

Year 9 Girls' Football

This week we play our County Cup semi-final game against Icknield School, Luton. The game will be played on Thursday.

All girls should come to training on Tuesday 13 March after school. Please bring kit and football boots.

If you have not played to date and are interested, then please see Mr Turney on Tuesday. No previous experience needed!

Astro-turf at Break and Lunchtime

A reminder that you must not enter the astro-turf without a member of staff present. Please wait at the gate for staff to arrive.

Students should continue to change into trainers outside the astro-turf and there is strictly no eating or drinking allowed on the astro-turf.

Thank you for continuing to follow these simple instructions.

Year 11 GCSE PE Practical Examination

The PE practical moderation is fast approaching. As soon as we are aware of the students involved, we will let you know!

All should be prepared to participate on **WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH.**

We are looking forward to a great day! Good luck everyone!

From Mr Seymour

American Flag Football

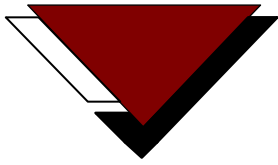
Thursday 22 March sees the start of a new project and sport for Vandyke Upper School: American Flag Football.

Flag Football is a non-tackle version of American Football and can be played by both boys and girls. Instead of tackling opponents, you pull the flag attached to the person with the ball. The object is still to score touchdowns by getting the ball into the end zone.

The sessions are open to Years 9, 10 and 11 boys and girls and will start on Thursday 22 March from 3.15- 4.45pm on the Astro-turf.

Coaching will be undertaken by qualified coaches from American Football Development.

The sport is being introduced via a successful Sport England Grant, which includes coaching, team kit and playing equipment.



From Mrs Allsopp

"These Bridges" by Phoebe Eclair Powell as part of National Connections

This will be performed in the Drama Studio on Tuesday 27 March and Wednesday 28 March at 6pm. Tickets are strictly limited to 45 per performance. Tickets are now on sale £2 each from the Finance Office.

On Thursday 3 May, the production will transfer to The Royal Theatre in Northampton.

From Mrs Beckwith

Homework Club

If you would like any extra help with your homework, or just simply need a place to complete homework, we have a Homework Club running in the A&I department after school every Monday from 3.05-4.00pm.

From Mrs Sharman

Student Bulletin and Extra-curricular / Revision Sessions

Don't forget that the weekly student bulletin is on the Vandyke website, so that students and parents/carers can refer to this throughout the week if you need to check any of the information. It is a link on the home page of the website under 'Key Information' – weekly student bulletin.

Details of extra-curricular sport for each term and subject-specific revision sessions will also be included under the 'Students' tab on the home page.

From Mrs Webb, Library

Exam Equipment

A reminder to students that we have exam pencil cases for sale in the library for £1.50 containing everything you need.

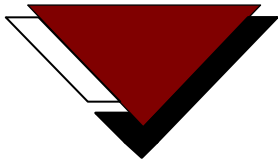
From Mr Skelton

Maths Revision – All Years

Maths Revision sessions for all years (separate rooms for each year) will be held **every Wednesday** after school for an hour.

YEAR 11 REVISION

From Mrs C Green



English Revision Sessions

These run every Tuesday and Wednesday – new timetable attached for the latest revision information and dates.

From Mrs Egginton

Science Revision – Year 11

Science revision is being held after school for an hour every Tuesday in S1. Come along for a refresher!

13/03/2018	KEN/DON	Required practicals - making salts/ chromatography/ rates
20/03/2018	SDS/LCH	Reading scales/ standard form/ significant figures
27/03/2018	SHS/KEN	Graphs/ tangents/ tables
	Easter	

From Mr Heley

GCSE Computer Science Revision

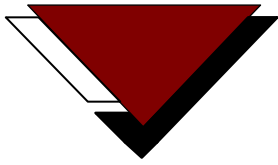
Thursdays from 3.05 - 4.05pm - Securing a strong grade 4 or higher

Fridays from 3.10 - 4.10pm in B24

16 March Logic gates and Truth tables

23 March Binary & Hexadecimal conversions and addition

Final session of term will be on **Tuesday** 27 March - System security



From Mrs Quinn

History Revision – after-school schedule

Here are the revision sessions:

Monday Evenings: 3.00-4.00pm

Focus? Achieving a strong grade 5+

Where? B4

Who with? Mr Bodo

Thursday Evenings: 3.00-4.00pm

Focus? Achieving 7-9

Where? B3 & B4

Who with? Mrs Quinn & Mr Bodo

Friday Evenings: 3.00-4.00pm

Focus: Building confidence towards the History GCSE

Where? B3

Who with? Mrs Quinn

From Mrs Allsopp

Year 11 Drama Practical Exam Groups

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes

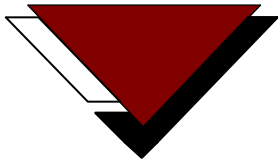
From Madame Rhoden

Year 11 French Students

Do you find speaking in different tenses in French difficult sometimes? Come along to B20 on Monday 12 March after school and get some extra practice and tips on exam technique for Speaking in different tenses – you need to be able to do this for both the picture card and also the conversation section of the speaking exam. We will be working through example exam questions together. Both Foundation and Higher Level students welcome.

Remember skills need time and practice to improve, you cannot do it all a few weeks before the exam in May!

I look forward to seeing you on Monday.



From Frau Elding

Year 11 GCSE German

Frau Elding and Frau Brown will be in B18 every Thursday and Friday after school to help with any aspect of exam preparation. Our initial focus will be on PRACTISING for the speaking exam.

From senora Geeraerts and senora Gonzales

Spanish Revision Session – every Week B

Revision sessions every **Wednesday Week B** from 3.20 - 4.20pm in B17.

From Mr Bennett

Year 11 Art GCSE Exam Preparation

The Art department is open at break, lunch and after school for Year 11 art students wanting to carry on with their exam prep. We can offer you the space, materials and our time to help you out in the very important early stages of your new project.

From Miss Doe

GCSE Music Revision

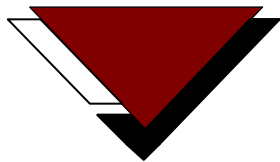
Mondays 3.15pm – 4.15pm (*Schedule is below*)

Date	Topic
Monday 12 th March	Vocal: Killer Queen
Monday 19 th March	Instrumental: Brandenburg Concerto
Monday 26 th March	Instrumental: Pathetique
EASTER HOLIDAYS	EASTER HOLIDAYS

From Miss Pearson

Year 11 GCSE Dance

Please remember revision after school on Mondays. The Dance Studio is also open at lunchtime for you to practise.



From Mr Turney

GCSE Physical Education Revision - Year 11

We now have just 7 more Thursday after school sessions left until the first exam. We had excellent numbers last week and it would be good to see even more of you there this THURSDAY in room A81.

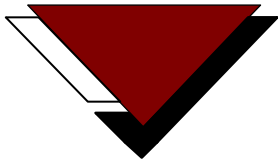
DATE	LED BY	CONTENT	PAPER
THURSDAY 8 TH MARCH	MCE	1.3/1.4/ 3.4- Aerobic and anaerobic exercise / the short and long term effects on the body systems	1
THURSDAY 15 TH MARCH	MME	3.5/ 3.6 How to optimise training and prevent injury / drugs/ warm up & cool down	1
THURSDAY 22 ND MARCH	MPN	1.1/1.2-Physical, emotional and social health, fitness and well-being/ sedentary lifestyles	2
THURSDAY 19 TH APRIL	MCE	2.1/2.2- Levers & Planes of Movement	1
THURSDAY 26 TH APRIL	MME	1.3 Energy use, diet, nutrition and hydration	2
THURSDAY 3 RD MAY	AML	3.3- The principles of training and their application	1
THURSDAY 10 TH MAY	MCE	2- Sports Psychology	2
THURSDAY 17 TH MAY	LTY	PAPER 2 KEY FOCUS AREAS (NEXT DAY)	2

From Mrs Allsopp

Drama Clubs

Please note the weekly schedule for the Drama Clubs (see below):

Monday	Lunchtime	Year 9 Drama Club in the Drama Studio
Monday	3.15-4.00pm	National Connections cast as called
Wednesday	3.15-4.00pm	Blood Brothers scene-by-scene practical exploration revision for Year 11 or Year 10 GCSE students
Friday	Lunchtime	National Connections cast as called



From Student Voice

Weekly Student Voice Meetings

8.35am in the Drama Studio - please note, you will be registered in the Drama Studio. All welcome.

Tuesday	Year 9
Thursday	Year 10
Friday	Year 11

Weekly Student Voice meetings are very well attended and everyone is welcome! We discuss issues regarding the school environment, our learning, events and much more.

From Miss Doe and the Music Department

Extra-curricular Timetable

Please note the extra-curricular timetable below.

Tuesdays	(3:15pm - 4:15pm)	Recording sessions & coursework catch-up
Wednesdays	(3:15pm - 4:15pm)	Mini Orchestra / recording sessions & coursework catch-up
Thursdays	(3:15pm - 4:15pm)	Recording sessions & coursework catch-up
Fridays	CLOSED	

From Mr Bennett

Art Club

Mr Mitchell's Art Club will be held on Tuesdays after school. Everyone welcome to drop in and carry on with your own work, catch up on homework, or work on mini-projects. There are competitions that we are keen to enter your work in as well.

Photography Club

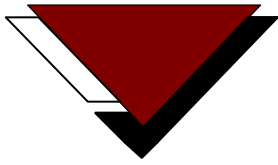
Tuesdays in the Art Department.

From Mr Turney

Sports Extra-curricular

The new extra-curricular timetable for the second half-term is attached to the bulletin.

We have a huge array of different clubs taking place every week. Please take up the opportunity - we would love to see you. All standards are welcome!



From Miss Eddy, Miss Davies and Hayley Keveren

'Girls Active' Sport Club

The club will be open for all year groups - girls only and will be held every Wednesday after school until 4pm until 28 March. If you are interested, please give your name and your tutor group to Miss Davies in PE.

From Mr Carr and Mrs Webb

Chess Club - All Years Welcome

Chess Club is now running **Tuesday** evenings after school until 4.05pm in the library. Students are still welcome to come and have a game at lunchtimes. All year groups and abilities welcome - from beginners to experts!

From Mrs Green / Miss Gibbs

Year 10 - Duke of Edinburgh – Tuesday and Wednesday Groups

Wednesday 28 February 2018 was the deadline for completion of the 3 sections (Physical, Skills and Volunteering)

If they have not already done so, students need to finish these sections and upload the accompanying administration to their eDofE account in order to be included in the Assessed Expedition.

Students must contact DofE staff trainers if they are experiencing any difficulties completing sections of the award.

Weekly Tuesday and Wednesday after-school Assessed Expedition preparation sessions

There will be a minimum of 6 sessions, in which students will plan their routes and receive further training before their Assessed Expedition. Attendance is therefore mandatory so students can contribute to team preparation tasks.

Bronze Assessed Expedition: Saturday and Sunday, 12 and 13 May 2018.