

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Week A - Monday 15 January 2018

Quote of the Week *“Do not judge me by my successes,
judge me by the number of times I fell down and got back up again”*
Nelson Mandela - Sourced by Dominic, Year 9

From Mr Skelton

Focus: Interview Readiness (Ms Laura Pocock, BT)
Tuesday: Years 12 and 13

Focus: Internet Safeguarding (Mrs Ruston)
Wednesday: Year 11
Thursday: Year 9
Friday: Year 10

From Miss Murray

Word of the Week: **maverick** - an unorthodox or independent-minded person.

Text of the Week:

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2017/sep/29/experience-i-swim-to-work>

[Experience: I swim to work | Life and style | The Guardian
www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)

Sometimes I hear commuters yelling at each other up on the riverbank while I'm having fun watching ducklings and squirrels

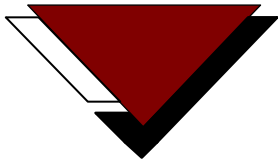
From Mrs Moore

ICELAND TRIP MEETING – Monday 15 January

All students who are on the Iceland trip 2018 - please attend a meeting today at break (Monday 15th) in B9 with Mrs Moore.

This is to go through rooming choices and any last minute questions and checks!

MAKE SURE YOU ATTEND!



From the Student Voice Group

Student Voice Meetings

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.

We are really pleased that, following a Year 10 meeting last week, the Student Bulletin will be published on the school website weekly. This was a request we made that was responded to very quickly.

From Mr Bennett

Year 11 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.

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

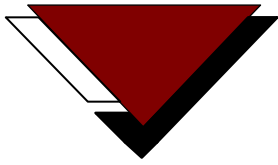
The next cohort for the darkroom photography club starts on Tuesday 16 January and there are several places still available. Sign up in the Art department.

From Mr Heley

GCSE Computer Science Revision

Every Friday from 3.10 - 4.10pm in B24

- 19 Jan Systems Architecture
- 26 Jan ROM, RAM & VM
- 2 Feb Type of storage
- 9 Feb Networks



From Mr Turney

Core PE- Uniform

Students look really smart in PE uniform in most lessons. Please would all students remember that in cold weather you need to bring appropriate clothing to wear outside when your activity is on the field or astro-turf.

Year 9: school 'hoody' sweatshirts should be used as an outer layer. No other top is suitable. BLACK tracksuit trousers or plain BLACK sports leggings are suitable. You may of course continue to wear your shorts/ skorts should you wish. You can wear gloves and a hat also.

Year 10/11: you should wear EITHER NAVY shirt (boys) or SKY BLUE shirt (girls), NAVY hoody and NAVY/ BLACK tracksuit trousers or NAVY/ BLACK leggings. You are also welcome to wear the 'new' PE kit, which we would advise that Year 10 should buy if you are replacing your PE uniform.

Injured/ Poorly

If you are unable to take part in a practical activity, please bring a note from home. However, you **MUST** still bring in your kit as there are other roles you can take part in such as coaching and officiating.

Basketball/ Handball Practice - MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL

Congratulations to all boys who competed in the County basketball finals last week.

In a change to the published extra-curricular timetable, HANDBALL will now replace basketball in the Sports Hall so we can prepare for the County finals that will be held at the end of February.

All years are very welcome to attend! We look forward to seeing you there! 3.15pm-4.15pm.

Sports Leaders - Years 9/ 10

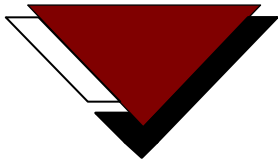
Congratulations to students who have completed the Sports Leader Level 1 Award this term. Your certification will be coming shortly!

The new 'level 2' Sports Leadership course will be starting shortly. Letters can be found in the PE office for this great opportunity. If you completed the level 1 award, you can now also complete the level 2 award.

This course is open to year 9 and 10 students and you do not need to have had any prior leadership experience. It will mean a commitment to MONDAY after-school sessions and assistance in running and leading school and District competitions both here and in local middle and lower schools. Deadline for applications is Friday 19 January. Should you have any questions please see a member of the PE team.

Extra-curricular

There are 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 Mrs Green

Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

The deadline is fast approaching for completion of all sections and any outstanding information now needs to be uploaded - see Mrs Green, Miss Gibbs, or Mr Gilmour if you are having difficulties with any aspect of this.

Year 11 Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Please make sure you have received a letter/form from your tutor; if not, see Mrs Green. The forms **MUST** be returned to the **FINANCE OFFICE** or **MRS GREEN** by **FRIDAY 19 JANUARY 2018** so that the training can start Tuesday 23 January at lunchtime. Any problems see Mrs Green.

World Challenge - Nicaragua 2019 Years 9 - 12

Please complete your forms on line or hand them to Mrs Green to secure your place. Any problems, speak to Mrs Green.

From Mr Cain / Miss Leeves

Year 11 Media Studies

Sessions will run on the following dates from 3.05-4.30pm, in order to complete coursework, improve pieces and practise exam techniques:

- Monday 15 January (LLS)
- Monday 29 January (SCN)

Further dates to follow after half-term.

From Mrs Beckwith

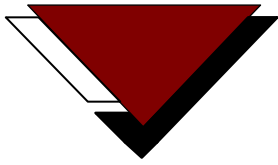
Homework Club

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 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 Mrs C Green

English Revision Sessions

These run every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Monday Period 6 enrichment dates (3.10 – 4.10pm) E3

Group 2 Mondays until 15 January

Group 3 Mondays until 5 March

Grade 7-9 enrichment sessions: any queries, please talk to your English teacher.

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.

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!

From Madame Rhoden

Year 11 French

- ❖ Is listening your weakest skill?
- ❖ Did you find the listening mock challenging?

Come along to B20 on Monday 15 January after school and get some extra practice and tips on exam technique for Listening.

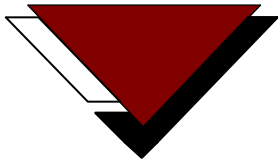
Remember skills need time and practice to improve; you cannot do it all a few weeks before the exam in May! I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

From Frau Elding

GCSE German Speaking Club

Practise those important skills taught in class that will help you with your speaking and writing exam. Topics will be displayed in the German room.

- **Every Thursday - Week B** in B18 from 3.10 - 4.10pm



From Mrs Quinn

History Revision – after-school schedule

We will be running a number of different History revision sessions until the exams in June. You will have received a letter from the History department which will indicate which session we would suggest you attend. If you are unsure, please speak to a member of the History department.

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 Miss Doe

Music Department Notices

The following sessions will take place each week from 3.15-4.00pm:

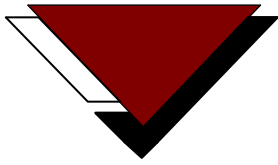
Tuesday: GCSE Music Revision
Wednesday: Mini Orchestra

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
Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Thursday	Lunchtimes	Year 11 Drama practical exam groups
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



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Everyone Matters

BULLETIN

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

From Mr Turney

RUGBY

Rugby practice is on Tuesday after school on the field. Please bring a suitable top for this. Non-PE clothing is fine.

From Miss Pearson

Sports Clubs

The new Spring term clubs are live from this week. Please see the notice attached to the bulletin and posters around the PE department. Any questions, please see the PE staff.

Year 11 GCSE Dance

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

From Miss Eddy, Miss Davies and Hayley Keveren

'Girls Active' Sport Club

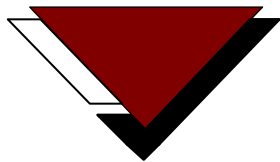
The club will be open for **all year groups - girls only** and will be held every Wednesday after school until 4pm until **28 March**. **If you are interested, please give your name and your tutor group to Miss Davies in PE.**

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: deadline for completion of the 3 sections (Physical, Skills and Volunteering)

Students need to finish these sections and the accompanying administration (uploaded to their eDofE account), in order to join the preparation sessions to be included in the Assessed Expedition.

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

***Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 March 2018:
Assessed Expedition preparation sessions commence weekly.***

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.