

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Week A - Monday 19 February 2018

Quote of the Week

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart.”

Sourced by Megan, Year 10

From Mr Carroll

Term dates 2018/19

The term dates for 2018/19 have changed slightly from those originally published. New dates have been put on the school website, together with a copy of the letter sent home with all students today.

From Mr Skelton

Assembly Programme

Tuesday: Year 12 (Mr Downey)

Please note: Years 9 and 10 have changed days this week

Wednesday: Year 11 - Director / Head of Year Assembly (Mr Cooksey / Mrs Gaskell)

Thursday: Year 10 - Anti-bullying (guest presenter / Mrs Allsopp)

Friday: Year 9 - Director / Head of Year Assembly (Mrs Beckwith / Mrs Mileham)

From Miss Murray

Word of the Week: Demonise - portray as wicked and threatening.

Text of the Week:

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2017/nov/18/rescue-staffie-owner-what-really-thinking>

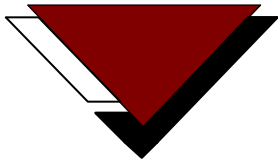
[What I'm really thinking: the owner of a 'dangerous' dog ...
www.theguardian.com](https://www.theguardian.com)

Illustration: Lo Cole for the Guardian. “The fact that she was muzzled the first time we met her at the rescue centre didn’t stop us falling in love with her amber eyes.”

From Mrs Quinn

Year 10 History Trip to Berlin - October 2018

The History department are running a trip to Berlin in October 2018. If you are interested, please ask your teacher for a letter, or alternatively come to the Humanities office.



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From the Student Voice Group

Student Forum – Wednesday 21 February

The next Student Forum with students and Mr Carroll is P3 on Wednesday 21 February in the Theatre. This is open to all Y9/ Y10/ Y11 students who have regularly been attending Student Voice meetings.

From Mrs Green

DUKE OF EDINBURGH NEWS

Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Please would ALL students who have applied to take part in the Silver DofE attend a meeting in A68 on Tuesday 6 February at lunchtime.

Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

If you haven't already, please make sure you get your assessors to complete your booklet and add it to your eDofE account.

***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.

Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

It was a fantastic turnout for the Introduction to DofE evening and well done to all of you who have registered. There are still 11 places left, so get your application in quickly to secure your place.

WORLD CHALLENGE NEWS

Malawi 2018

Please make sure you have your PE kit in school on Tuesday 20 February and that your parents know you will be late home, as we will be doing the cooper run on the astro. Start time 3.30pm and finish time 4.00pm.

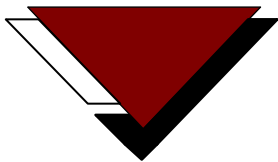
Nicaragua 2019

If you have registered for Nicaragua, please see Mrs Green to collect your t-shirt.

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

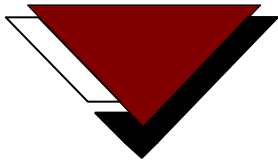
These run every Tuesday and Wednesday – please see attached timetable for the Spring dates.

From Mrs Egginton

Science Revision – Year 11

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

23/01/2018	JTN/TGY	Describing graphs/ standard form
30/01/2018	KEN/DON	Command words/ long answer questions
06/02/2018	LCH/SDS	Biology practical methods - aseptic techniques/osmosis/ food tests/ enzymes
12/02/2018		Half-term
20/02/2018	TGY/JTN	Calculations/ significant figures/ units



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

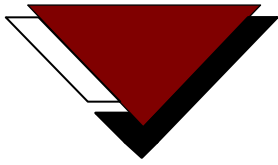
Do you find writing in different tenses in French confusing? Did you find the writing mock exam the most challenging? Come along to B20 on Monday 19 February after school and get some extra practice and tips on how to deal with writing and speaking in different tenses – essential for gaining grade 4 and above! 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 Miss Tuohy

GCSE Business Studies Revision – Year 11

We will be running a number of different Business Studies revision sessions after school. You will have received a letter from your teacher indicating which session we would suggest you attend. If you are unsure, please speak to Miss Tuohy.

Monday: 3.10pm-4.10pm (B21)

Focus: Building confidence – exam technique and revision of key topics
Who with? Miss Tuohy

Wednesday: 3.10pm-4.10pm (B25)

Focus: Achieving A* - B
Who with? Mr Shaylor

GCSE Business Studies Controlled Assessment – Year 11

There will be catch-up sessions every Friday lunchtime in B21 for any Year 11 student who needs to finish or improve their Business Controlled Assessment. If you are unsure of whether you need to do more work or improvements, please come along during this time and speak to Miss Tuohy.

From Mr Heley

GCSE Computer Science Revision

Every Friday from 3.10 - 4.10pm in B24

23 February Legislation + Ethical, Cultural & Environmental concerns

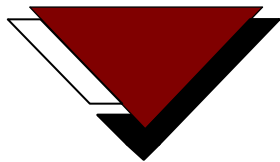
2 March Data types & Pseudocode

9 March SQL and Arrays

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 Miss Doe

GCSE Music Revision

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

Date	Topic
Monday 29 th January	Fusion: Release
Monday 5 th February	Fusion: Samba Em Preludio
Monday 12 th February	Music for Stage & Screen: Star Wars
HALF TERM	HALF TERM
Monday 26 th February	Music for Stage & Screen: Defying Gravity
Monday 5 th March	Vocal: Music For A While
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 Mr Bennett

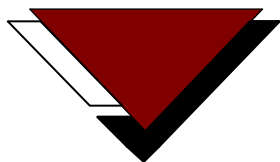
Year 11 Art GCSE Exam Preparation

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 Pearson

Year 11 GCSE Dance

Please remember revision after school on Mondays. The Dance Studio is also open at lunchtime for your practice.



From Mr Turney

GCSE Physical Education Revision - Year 11

The 'big 12' revision sessions take place in **A82 on Thursdays from 3.15-4.15pm** (see the schedule below). We look forward to seeing you all there!

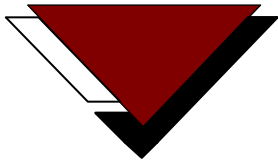
DATE	LED BY	CONTENT	PAPER
THURSDAY 25 TH JANUARY	LTY	1.1- The structure and functions of the muscular and skeletal systems	1
THURSDAY 1 ST FEBRUARY	ARN	3.1/3.2/ 3.3- The components of fitness/ health and fitness/ testing	1
THURSDAY 8 TH FEBRUARY	MPN	1.2- The structure and functions of the cardiovascular and respiratory systems	1
THURSDAY 1 ST MARCH	LTY	3- Socio-cultural influences	2
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



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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	

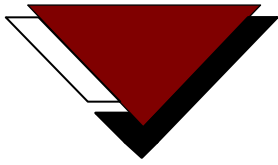
From Mr Bennett

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

The darkroom photography club is held on Tuesdays after school - sign up in the Art department.



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From Mr Turney

Handball Practice - MONDAY after school (Sports Hall) - Years 9 & 10

MONDAY after school is Handball practice in preparation for the County finals. Please would all players attend these important sessions. All are welcome!

Sports Extra-curricular

There is 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!