



School Bulletin for Friday 10 November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Remembrance



This morning the school is holding its Remembrance Ceremony and will be creating its own field of poppies. Our Year 7 students will come down to the garden area and stand for the 2 minute silence. This will be followed by some readings and a poem.

Medical Room Day Pass

Following on from the message last week about pupil illness, we wanted to remind you that the Medical Room day pass can be obtained from the Attendance Office or the Medical Room following absence due to illness. This allows the student to access the Medical Room throughout the day. Depending on the reason, the pass can be issued on a daily basis.

Year 7 Guided Reading and Handwriting Club

This term, once again, sees the return of the guided reading and handwriting clubs. Selected students are working in small groups during tutor time with members of the English department to support their reading and handwriting. If you would like more details please contact your child's English teacher.

Licence to Kill

The majority of students from Year 12 attended Licence to Kill. This was a road safety experience and presentation. The content was emotional, hard hitting and sometimes challenging. Guest speakers included a police officer, a paramedic, a fireman and two victims of road traffic accidents who have life changing debilitating injuries. There were also two parents of teenagers whose children had died due to the negligent driving of others. It is hoped that this experience will make more careful drivers of our students.

School Uniform

Just a reminder that students are not to wear jewellery, plastic/acrylic nails, nail extensions or have coloured nail polish. Hoodies are also not part of the school uniform.

Sixth Form Open Evening

The Open evening takes place on Thursday 16th November in the Kent Hall between 17.00-19.00hrs. This provides students and their parents/carers with the opportunity to see what the school Sixth Form has to offer and discuss options with the staff.

UCAS – Sixth Form

The 43 UCAS students in Year 13 were visited by Student Finance on Tuesday. Information was passed on regarding student loans, bursaries, tuition fees and living costs. A Student Finance representative will also be available for the Sixth Form Parent's Evening on the 7th December so parents can ask questions about how the system works.

Year 11 Catering

The catering students have weekly practical trials starting on 15th November. Students are reminded to bring the ingredients in for these trials.

Saturday School – Year 11

A reminder that the first Saturday school of the term takes place tomorrow (11th November) and covers GCSE and BTEC PE and Photography. The timetable is:

DATE:	SUBJECT:	TIME:	LOCATION:	STAFF:
Saturday 11 th November	GCSE PE	9.00am-11.00am	SP1/AG6	RMA/AJU
	BTEC PE	11.00am-1.00pm	SP1/AG6	AJU/HSW
	Photography	10.00am-2.00pm	AF1	HST

Year 8 Parents evening

Last night saw nearly 70% of the parents and carers attend the evening. If you were unable to make the evening but wanted to talk to staff, you should contact your son/daughter's Form Tutor.

Year 9 Exercise Books – home next week

As a school we are seeking to ensure that all our students make excellent academic progress and take a pride in the work they produce. One of the ways in which we monitor achievement is by regularly reviewing the work students complete in their exercise books. Next week Year 9 students will take their books home for parental perusal. We would value any feedback or comments that you wish to make.

Book of Commendation

We hold this book in Reception and students who have been commended for something special sign this book and get a letter sent home from the Head. We have recently added Callum Budden for services to the community together with Megan Aylward and Clarissa Bispham for speaking at the Year 6 parents evening.

Pathways to Success

On Wednesday employers were invited into school to put on workshops for Year 11 students which gave them an insight into potential career choices and proved to be very successful with students enjoying all the experiences.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Advanced reminder that the Mock Exam timetable has now been published and sent home and the mocks take place between 27th November and 6th December.

Parents Forum

The meeting on Monday 6th November was very positive and helpful and suggested that it allows more specific areas to be discussed with defined groups eg Year groups to discuss 9-1 assessments. Other areas covered included revision resources for Key Stage 3 students, frequency of updates for parents/carers for Year 7 students and communications about long term absences. The next meeting is scheduled for 15th January at 6pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Impressions and Appearance

We held assemblies this week for all the girls at school to tackle the importance of appearance.

We are growing concerned that some girls are wearing their skirts significantly shorter than the 5cm above the knee as stated in our uniform policy. The assemblies focused on how important is to give the right impression eg for job interviews, and how looking your best and

dressng smartly is an important life skill.

Homework

Homework is an integral part of students' learning. We aim to encourage students to be independent, self-directed learners. Regular completion of homework helps to develop skills and knowledge beyond the constraints of the classroom. This is an important element in improving academic success. The tables below summarises our homework routines for Term 2.

Homework Challenge:		
	Year 7:	Year 8:
30 Oct-10 Nov	Computing	History
13 Nov-24 Nov	History	Geography
27 Nov-7 Dec	Geography	English

Standard Homework:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Regular, small pieces of homework IN ADDITION to Homework Challenge - at the discretion of each Subject Leader. Some additional homework is recommended.		Students will be set one task per subject of approximately one hour each week.		
Year 12 & 13				
Students will be set one task of approximately one hour each week by each of their teachers (even if there are two teachers per subject), and should spend at least the same amount of time per week on reviewing notes, supplementary reading and revision.				

Show my Homework



The North School uses Show My Homework as an online homework diary for students and parents. Show My Homework is available on the Web, IOS and Android. Should you have any issues with Show My Homework, please email: SMHW@north.kent.sch.uk

The Lions Progress - Basketball

The Lions Varsity basketball team have successfully progressed to the last 16 of the National Cup after beating St Bonaventures School 76-68.

The Junior Varsity team beat Robert Napier in the U19 East Kent Schools League 74-65 after overtime.

Other Sports Results

Our Year 11 Football lost 2-0 to Harvey Grammar.

Our Year 8 Netball won 36-2 against Folkestone Academy.

Year 7 Netball lost 8-5 against a mixed year 7/8 team.

Regards,

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