

School Bulletin for Friday 1st February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department of Education released last week, final details of the accountability measures (League Tables) for both Key Stage 4 and Post-16 providers. These are used to inform parents and students about school performance and to promote self-improvement.

There is a number of very positive aspects of The North School performance within the plethora of statistical data that has been provided about progress of Kent students.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate both Key Stage 5 students as well as the Sixth Form team upon a very pleasing comparison with the results of all other post-16 centres within the county. The North School Sixth Form has achieved a number of top places:

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| • Post 16 Level 2 qualifications | 1st |
| • Post 16 Level 3 Applied General qualifications | 6th |
| • Post 16 English & Mathematics progress | 2nd |

As far as the Key Stage 4 results are concerned, Progress 8 remains the key measure that is used to judge students' achievements. It was introduced in 2016 as the headline indicator of school performance determining the floor standard. It aims to capture the progress that students in a school make from the end of primary school to the end of Key Stage 4.

I would like to share with you that The North School maintained the middle position in the league table for non-selective schools in Kent. Mean Progress 8 for non-selective high schools in Kent was -0.24. The North School's Progress 8 was -0.27.

While analysing the performance of non-selective high schools in locality (total 16 schools), we are delighted with some more detailed achievements:

% achieving English & Mathematics 9-4 grades (boys)	5th
% achieving English & Mathematics 9-5 grades (disadvantaged students)	3rd
% achieving English & Mathematics 9-5 grades (middle prior attainment)	5th
% achieving English & Mathematics 9-5 grades (high prior attainment)	4th
% achieving any qualification	2nd

Although the data show that we compare well with other high non-selective schools, we remain relentless in striving to improve the outcomes of our students.

Finally, I would like to quote Benjamin Franklin: *"Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement and success have no meaning"*.

**Mrs Lawrence,
Headteacher**

Kent Teacher of the Year Awards 2019



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Nominations have opened for the Kent Teacher of the Year Awards and will be accepted until 1st March.

As you know at The North School, our staff work hard for each and every student. It would be wonderful if parents and friends of the school would consider nominating staff and volunteers who make a stand-out contribution in your eyes. This is a huge encouragement to all nominees and a big public pat-on-the-back for winners and their schools.

Award categories include primary, secondary, newly qualified teacher, non-teaching member of staff including dinner ladies and caretakers, and a volunteer award including members of the PTA, governors and other voluntary roles including, for example, reading supporters and those who support extra-curricular activities.

A panel of independent judges will decide the winners in each category for our district and the winners will be announced in May.

You may nominate online at: www.kentteacheroftheyear.co.uk Thank you.

ASDA Training Academy

Year 12 students have now all attended a session with ASDA Training Academy on Emotional Intelligence. The session focused on who controls your mind, what emotional competencies are and some emotional management strategies which can be used when preparing for exams.

Mock Interview Day

All Year 11 students took part in the Mock Interview Day in school on Wednesday 23rd January. Students had the opportunity to wear business clothing and many took up the challenge, looking really smart for their formal interview.

Employers from a range of companies including Brakes, Premier Foods, Eurostar, South East Water, Hitachi and ASDA Training Academy came into school to support the interview process. They gave students verbal feedback on their performance along with useful tips to help them going forward. Feedback from our students was positive, many saying they enjoyed it.

The employers were impressed with how many students had clearly prepared for the interview and presented themselves in a positive and confident way.

It is hoped that the mock process will support our Year 11's as they start attending interviews for sixth form, college and apprenticeships options between now and the end of Year 11.

Year 11 Saturday School – Saturday 2nd February

This Saturday we have the following schools taking place:

SUBJECT:	TIME:	ROOM:	STAFF:
Art & Photography	9am-1pm	MF1	CCA, CPE
Hospitality & Catering	10am-2pm	EG5	HCL
Design Technology	10am-2pm	EG2	CMC
Science	11am-1pm	MG7	ELE
Science	11am-1pm	MG6	JMI
Science	11am-1pm	MF9	CFR

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 5th February

This takes place on Tuesday 5th February and is the focus of the SMSC and British Values this week.

The global theme is *'Together for a Better Internet'*. **Everyone** has their part to play in making the internet a better place, **including you!**

Some interesting facts:

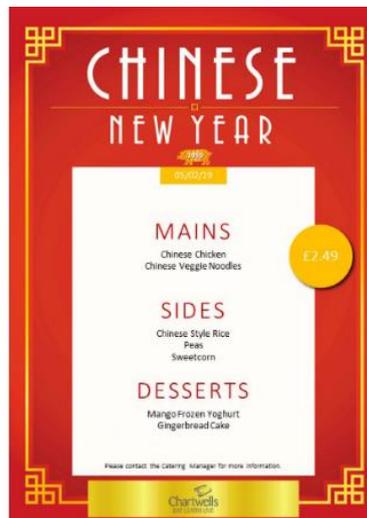
- Today more than 3.2 billion images will be shared on social media posts;
- 8 billion videos are viewed daily on Facebook;
- More video is uploaded to YouTube every month than the three major US broadcasting networks created over the course of the last 60 years;

News from the Canteen

The Canteen has now stopped providing plastic cups and are encouraging students and staff to bring in and use their own reusable bottles.

Chinese New Year – Tuesday 5th February

This special menu will be available in the school Canteen to celebrate Chinese New Year for £2.49.



Equipment for Lessons and Uniform

It is essential that all students have the correct equipment for school:

- A school bag (large enough to carry A4 books/folders);
- Black pens;
- Pencils;
- Ruler;
- Green pens;
- Coloured pens and pencils;
- Calculator (if possible).

If a new pencil case is being bought – please can it be a clear plastic one as this is what is specified for exams.

A reminder that in this cold weather hoodies and tracksuit tops are not allowed to be worn in school or as coats. All students should have black, leather school shoes, a grey V-neck jumper, tie, blazer and a coat which fits over their blazer.

Sports Results

Netball

The Year 7 netball team had another fantastic competitive netball match against Homewood School despite not training for three weeks due to so many matches. The attack was particularly good, with there being a sensational link between Centre, Wing Attacker and Goal Attacker in order to smoothly get the ball into the D.

Morgan Huckstepp was named Player of the Match, although we narrowly missed out, losing 14-9. The girls are looking forward to some training sessions over the next couple of weeks before our next game against Lenham School.

Basketball

U14s basketball: The North School 31 v John Wallis Academy 13. We are now into the next round having won three out of three games.

Regards,
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