



School Bulletin for Friday 9th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mock Exams and Revision Skills

Last Monday Year 11 students started their mock exams. We have all been impressed with both the conduct and commitment they have shown. Students' behaviour during exams is impeccable and we have witnessed a wide range of innovative revision techniques used both in lessons as well as in private study time. We were also pleased that over 80 students attended last week's Saturday School.

Exam stress and pressure can impact in a variety of ways. It can lead to nerves, frustrations and mistakes. However, it can also help students to concentrate more, work harder and for extended periods of time. It is a long-term process to master skills of performing well under pressure. Mock exams help teachers identify gaps in knowledge and young people have additional opportunities to develop their resilience and independence.

Practice makes perfect.

Mrs Lawrence.

Year 11 Saturday School

This Saturday we have the following revision sessions taking place:

CeFE	9.30am-11.30am	KF2	DHA
ICT	9am-1pm	EF4	MWI
PE – BTEC	9am-12pm	SP1/AG6	SKR/ICO/AJU
Photography & Art	9am-2pm	MF1	CPE

Science Assessments

During the week commencing 19th November 2018, all Year 7 and Year 8 students will take their second assessment of the academic year. This assessment will contain questions based on the two topics they have studied so far this year, Forces and Ecosystems. All students have their knowledge organisers to help them revise. Good luck to all.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Reminder

This coming Thursday (15th November) we are holding our Sixth Form Open Evening from 5-7pm. The evening will be beneficial to all students even if some are thinking of going elsewhere to continue their education. We will have a number of external providers in to detail the role they play with working with our students in the Sixth Form and the employment and apprenticeship opportunities this can lead to.

We are also launching some new courses this year to enhance our Level 2 provision for students not quite making the entry requirements for Level 3, one of these being Childcare and Child Health. Travel and Tourism, Dance and Single Science will also be on offer this year for Level 3 students.

There will be a presentation at 5.15pm in the Kent Hall and then a smaller presentation for those students returning from the English trip at 6.15pm in the conference room. We look forward to seeing you all on the 15th November.

If you have any queries regarding post 16 applications, please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form Team.

Year 8 Homework Challenge – City Site

All Year 8 students have now been set their new and exciting Homework Challenge for this term. They will be creating a website that introduces us to a city of their choice through Computing, Mathematics and MFL. All of the specific details have been given to students in an assembly and a hard copy of the tasks in tutor time. Parents will also find copies of the sheet on Show My Homework.

The work should reflect at least 6 hours of work and the deadline for handing in to Form Tutors is Wednesday 12th December. There are prizes on offer for the best entries, good luck to you all.

Children in Need 2018



The North School will be supporting Children in Need by taking part in two different fundraising events. The first will be the **Duck Race Sweepstake** which will take place in Tutor time on Tuesday 13th November. Students are to bring in £1 and they will draw a random duck from a hat. The winning duck will be drawn at random on Friday 16th November and the prize will be a big bar of chocolate!

The second event will be **Spotacular Day** which will be taking place on Friday 16th November. On this day students are allowed to wear something spotty. Full uniform is still to be worn as normal however you students wear a spotty jumper/t-shirt underneath their blazer or a spotty head band or some spotty socks. To participate we ask students to bring in £1 to donate to Children in Need.

Science Taster Day at Canterbury Christ Church University for Years 12 & 13 BTEC Applied Science

On Wednesday, eleven students from our Sixth Form went to Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) to get a sense of what it would be like to study Science at University and how different it is compared with secondary education. The Students had a great day and learnt how to extract DNA from strawberries and use PCR to amplify DNA in a sample, then electrophoresis to separate the DNA. We also had a tour of the Science department and got to look at some research laboratories. Students were very enthused by this experience.



Sports Results

A quiet week with only one result to report.

On a dull, rainy evening, the Year 7 football team struggled to demonstrate their free flowing passing ability that they previously have shown. This certainly affected them in the final third as they only tested the Homewood School goalkeeper on a couple of occasions. Homewood managed to get a very fortunate opener and then scored an unstoppable 25-yard strike. The match ended 2-0 to Homewood School, this being the first taste of defeat for our Year 7 football team.

Regards,

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