



School Bulletin for Friday 21st September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Feedback and Response

As part of our continual improvement of Teaching and Learning, we have looked at the way in which teachers provide written feedback to students. These improvements are part of our Teaching and Learning strategy and have been presented to staff, students and some parents through the Parent Forum. The strategies are effective and focused and ensure the best use of feedback time.

Teachers will no longer 'tick and flick' every page of students' books, as we do not believe this is valuable feedback to support students' progress. Effective feedback is that which details what a student has done well and how the student can improve.

Therefore, within students' books you can expect to see:

Misconceptions Starter: Students will have a regular misconceptions starter, where the teacher will identify common misunderstandings. These could be factual, spelling, punctuation and grammar, or an opportunity to upskill students further. These will be taken from the work students complete in class on a weekly basis.

Zonal Marking: Within extended written work, teachers will zone in on one key section which they will mark in depth. This will provide students with specific feedback and key action points for improvements. This is designed to not overwhelm students with corrections on the whole piece, but to allow them to focus on specific improvements. These extended pieces will be completed either in assessment books or at the back of the class books, to allow students to compare their work and build upon previous feedback.

Year 7 Homework Challenge

All Year 7 students should be busy working towards their first Year 7 Homework Challenge; 'London Past, Present and Future'. This project was set at the start of term and is due to be handed in to students' form tutors on (or before) Friday 5th October 2018.

The Homework Challenge this time consists of tasks based in English, Geography and History and can be presented however the student wishes. As the Challenge covers a whole term it must reflect at least six hours of work. The details of the specific tasks can be found on the worksheet given to your child/ward two weeks ago and on Show My Homework too.

If your child/ward has any queries please ask them to come and see Miss Jupp (Jupp.A@north.kent.sch.uk) before the hand in date. We cannot wait to see the students' work and there will be prizes for the best entries.

Met Police Talk to our Sixth Form Law Students

Last Friday DI Doshi from the Met Police came into school to address the Sixth Form A Level Law students and a select group of Year 11 students.

DI Doshi explained the wide variety of professions and roles within the modern day police force and told us about the demands and satisfactions of the job. He brought with him his handcuffs and baton. By the end of his visit, DI Doshi had enthused several students to seriously consider a career in the police force.



Year 7 and 8 Science Assessments

Science assessments for Year 7 and Year 8 will take place Monday and Tuesday of next week (24/25 September 2018) during the students' Science lessons. All students have their knowledge organisers to help with revision and checklists are available on the school website.

Science – Revision Resources

For parents/carers of Year 11 Students:

The Science AQA revision resources ordered during the Year 11 Information Evening have now been delivered. They are available to purchase and/or collect from Mrs Marden in MG5. We have ordered a few spares so if you are interested in some alternative revision resources please let a Science teacher know.

For parents/carers of Year 9 & 10 Students:

The Science OCR revision guides and workbooks (£6 each) have also been delivered. They are available to purchase and collect from Mrs Marden in MG5.

When Students are Unwell at School

We are seeing a number of occasions where parents/carers are arriving at school to take a student home before they have been seen by the School Nurse. It is important that when your son/daughter feels unwell at school that they are seen by the School Nurse before any contact is made with you about collecting them from school.

Missing lessons unnecessarily impacts on the students' education and the decision to be sent home needs to be taken by the School Nurse and not by the student themselves.

Mrs Marples - 'Outstanding Teacher in Kent for Encouraging CiC Students' Award

As mentioned last week Mrs Marples did receive her award last Sunday from Virtual School Kent for 'Outstanding Teacher in Kent for Encouraging CiC Students' and as promised here is a picture. Congratulations!



New Football Kit

Many thanks to Mitie who have kindly sponsored our new football kit that arrived this week. The girls are excited to play in the new kit this season.



Sports Results

Football:

Year 11 Boys beat Wye School 2-1. John Rolfe scoring midway through the second half to bring the game back to 1-1 and then Ellis Hayter scoring in the final minute to win the game. MOTM was Alfred Oldfield for producing three excellent saves.

Year 10 Boys narrowly lost out to a lucky goal by John Wallis Academy after the wind blew the shot in and put the score at 1-0.

Year 8 Boys beat John Wallis Academy 2-1 with Jack Bone as MOTM and Stanley Oldfield and Joe Clark hitting the back of the net.

Basketball:

Starting the year with a tough first opponent in King Henry School, and despite some unreal play from both Jay Parnell and Harry Greenfield (MVP), Varsity unfortunately lost the game 89-51.

Regards,

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