



School Bulletin for Friday 1st December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 7 Celebration Assembly

All Year 7 parents and carers will shortly be receiving a letter inviting them to the Celebration Assembly that takes place in school on the afternoon of **Tuesday 12th December**. If you do not receive the letter and wish to attend please contact Main Reception.

Royal Navy Youth Engagement Team

Thirty students from Year 10 recently took part in a workshop lead by the Royal Navy Youth Engagement Team. The students had a presentation from the team explaining the extensive activities they are currently involved in and the full range of careers available. Students then engaged in a number of practical activities working on their leadership, teamwork and communication skills.

Inspirational Visit from an Ex Pupil

Assemblies this week heard from the Reverend Simon Rowlands who attended the Boys Year 11 school back in 1982. Reverend Rowlands spoke about the impact that one teacher had upon him by loaning him a personal copy of 'Lord of the Rings'. As a dyslectic student who struggled with English, this book helped inspire Reverend Rowlands as did the faith of the teacher. He used a poem in the book about the road ahead and the journey to outline his personal journey to both becoming a Reverend and an Army Chaplain who served in Afghanistan and to point out that anything is possible. Reverend Rowlands concluded by donating a copy of the 50th edition of the book to the school Library with the hope that it might inspire other students.

Ashford Cattle Show

As mentioned in the last Bulletin our school was represented at this week's Cattle show and we had some good results. We won first prize with our calf and the lambs came 3rd, 3rd and 4th in some very large classes. All of the students involved were a credit to the school, exhibited the animals very well and worked hard during the show. The prizes resulted in our livestock being sold for good prices at the market.

Sixth Form Parents' Evening

The Sixth Form parents' evening (Years 12 and 13) takes place next **Thursday 7th December** in the Kent Hall between 4-7pm. Can we remind you please to pre-book your appointments. Reports will be issued on arrival.

Saturday School Schedule for Year 11 – Saturday 2nd December

GCSE PE	9.00am-11.00am	SP1	SKR/RMA
Maths Drop-In	9.30am-11.00am	AG1, AG2, AG11	Maths Dept
ICT	9.30am-1.00pm	EF3	JWI
Art	10.00am-1.00pm	MF6	NAU
Photography	10.00am-2.00pm	MF1	HST
Maths Drop-In	11.15am-12.45pm	AG1, AG2, AG11	Maths Dept

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Please note that the Year 11 Parents' Evening is on **Thursday 14th December** from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. Please use our online booking system which is now open at <https://thenorth.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> or contact Main Reception for further assistance. All parents and students in Year 11 are encouraged to attend as results from the current mock exams taking place will be available.

Visit from London Drum Company

Simon Jayes from the London Drum Company visited the school to work with our Year 12 Business Enterprise Students, looking at the skills required to set up your own business. He also worked with our Year 9 Performing Arts students, looking at his music career and gave an inspirational talk about careers in the music industry.

Christmas Dinner

Details were announced earlier this week about the school's Christmas Dinner being served in the Canteen at lunchtime on **Thursday 14th December**. Bookings are now being taken from now up until Thursday 7th December. The price for the meal is £2.40. Students are asked to book and pay in the Canteen at break or lunchtimes. We would like to remind parents, carers and students that no other food will be available on that day, so please provide a packed lunch if you are not having a Christmas Dinner. A copy of the menu is attached.

Pixl Literature App

An app is now available for Year 10 and 11 students to support their revision for English Literature. It is the Pixl English App PiXLLit and is available on desktops, tablets and mobile phones. Students have their own password which they can collect from their English teacher, allowing them access. It is a good resource for revision, especially on the go!

Dates for Rest of the Term

We now have less than three weeks until the end of Term but there are still a number of events to take place:

Thursday 7th December – Sixth Form Parents' Evening – see above
Tuesday 12th December – Year 7 Celebration Assembly – see above
Tuesday 12th December – Young Farmers Awards Evening
Thursday 14th December – Christmas dinner – see above
Thursday 14th December – Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20th December – Term 2 finishes
Thursday 4th January 2018 – Term 3 starts

Last Day of Term – Wednesday 20th December – Early Closure

Please note the school will be closing at 2.10pm on the last day of term, Wednesday 20th December. Students will attend their timetabled lessons during that day and will be dismissed at the end of period 5. Students wishing to remain at school until 3.00pm should contact Main Reception ahead of the last day of term giving their name and form and provisions will be made for those students. Alternatively parents/carers may email Main Reception at reception@north.kent.sch.uk with this request.

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 14th December – Save the Children

On Thursday 14th December, in exchange for a minimum donation of £1 to support Save the Children Appeal, students may wear a Christmas themed jumper in addition to the school shirt and tie. It is important to make it clear that this is not a non-uniform day. Students must wear normal uniform with a Christmas jumper as well as their blazers.

Should students not wish to wear a Christmas jumper they must attend in full school uniform on the day as normal, these students will still be able to make a donation to the charity should they wish. Students should bring the donation with them on the day; this money will be collected

during form time. Please note that we are hosting this event ahead of the national official day to coincide with our school's Christmas Dinner.

Adverse Weather

As we begin to head into the winter and the likelihood of adverse weather conditions the school has updated its advice and procedures and attached to this Bulletin is a copy of a letter setting out our guidance and the procedures that will be followed in the event of adverse weather conditions.

Change at KCC Education

The new Corporate Director for Children, Young People and Education, Matt Dunkley, took up the post on 27 November and there will be a handover through December with his predecessor Patrick Leeson.

Regards,

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