



## School Bulletin for Friday 8th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Cold Weather in PE**

Please remind your child/ward to check the weather before packing for their PE lessons. Whilst we always try to keep the students as active as possible, many of them are still only wearing shorts and t-shirts! You can purchase the PE jumper from the school uniform shops (CMDL in Ashford or Pages Schoolwear, Maidstone) or we would encourage students to wear layers underneath their usual PE kit. Also a reminder that hoodies are not allowed as part of the PE kit, however plain navy or black jumpers without hoods are acceptable.

### **Computer Apps**

In order to support parents and carers' involvement in the development of young people's digital resilience, we are sharing with you a comprehensive list of Red / Amber / Green – rated Apps used by teens and tweens. I hope you will find the attached information useful.

### **Young Farmers' Awards evening**

This year has been a very successful year for our Farm, our staff and its young farmers and the annual awards evening takes place next Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup> December) in our Land Base Centre starting at 6pm.

### **Year 11 Parents' Evening**

This takes place next Thursday (14<sup>th</sup> December) in the Kent Hall between 4-7pm. You are reminded to book your appointment slots. This will be preceded by the "brown envelope" afternoon where students will receive their mock results.

### **Charging of Phones**

A reminder that students are not allowed to charge their mobile phones at school so need to ensure that they are sufficiently charged before they come to school.

### **Christmas Jumpers**

A reminder that this coming Thursday (14<sup>th</sup> 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.

Students who do not wish to wear a Christmas jumper 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.

### **Barclays Life Skills**

All Year 12 students attended the second session run by Barclays Life Skills Volunteers. The session was on personal skill and abilities, facing future challenges and positive image.

### **Jump Start - Brake Bros**

Year 13 students had a presentation about the Jump Start Programme offered by Brake Bros to the school. This great opportunity involves a two week work placement in February in the

company's Central Office in Ashford followed by the chance of applying for an apprenticeship with the company starting in summer 2018.

### **Christmas Shoe Boxes**

Monday is the last day for the Christmas Shoe Box donations.

### **Sports Results**

A mixed set of results this week for the school.

#### Netball:

Year 7 lost 11-2 against Marsh Academy in their toughest game yet.

Year 8 won 14-4 with only 6 players against Lenham School.

Year 10 lost a very tight game 8-6 against Lenham School.

#### Football:

Year 8 beat Homewood 4-3.

Year 10 beat Homewood 4 -1.

#### Basketball:

The U14s beat Northfleet Technology College 64-43 in the Kent Cup last night. Varsity play tonight and Saturday in a big 2-day tournament in Surrey so we will keep you posted on how they do!

Regards,

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