



School Bulletin for Friday 9th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Head of School

I am pleased to inform that after a week of disruption caused by weather, our students are back in the school routine. Year 11 continue with the mock exams and their conduct in exams can only be described as exemplary. They show resilience and a commitment to do well.

Lower year groups continue with strong engagement in lessons. In all subjects the focus on the importance of extended writing is highly noticeable. Students are encouraged to develop their writing skills for a wide range of context and topics. This skill is essential for new GCSEs.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your help in ensuring our pupils are properly turned out at all times and wearing the correct uniform with pride. Correct uniform, as well as school equipment, are basic starting points for effective learning.

Mrs Lawrence, Head of School

GCSE Art

Change to exam date:

Due to the impact of the weather last week, we have adjusted the dates of the GCSE Art exam in order to ensure that students have the required number of learning hours to prepare for the exam. The new dates for the GCSE Art exam are Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th April 2018. Students have been made aware of these changes.

The Year 11 GCSE Art students will have their mock exam on Monday 12th March. This will last the entire day and students need to report to MF4 at 8.40am to be told their room allocation. They must have the following resources: their exam sketch book, a USB or SD card with images for printing and any specialist materials that they wish to work with. Despite this being a mock exam, it also forms part of the preparations for their final practical exam in April and therefore it is imperative that they are well prepared and focused.

There will also be a Saturday School tomorrow (10th March) from 10am-2pm to help prepare for the Art mock exam.

GCSE Photography

Change to exam date:

Also due to the impact of the weather last week, we have adjusted the dates of the GCSE Photography exam in order to ensure that students have the required number of learning hours to prepare for the exam. The new dates for the GCSE art exam are Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th May 2018. Students have been made aware of these changes.

The Year 11 GCSE Photography students will have their mock exam on Tuesday 13th March. This will last the entire day and students need to report to MF1 at 8.40am to be told their room allocation. They must have the following resources: their exam sketch book, a USB or SD card any specialist materials that they wish to photograph or work with. Despite this being a mock exam, it also forms part of the preparations for their final practical exam in May and therefore it is imperative that they are well prepared and focused.

There will also be a Saturday school tomorrow (10th March) from 10am-2pm to help prepare for the Photography mock exam.

Art and Photography – GCSE and A-Level students:

As you are now working on the exam unit of the course in your second sketch book, you must hand your coursework sketch book into your teacher for assessment. Please ensure that you hand this in before Wednesday 14th March. After all the books have been handed in and assessed, your teachers will then give you feedback on improvements that you can make.

GCSE Resistant Materials and Graphic Products

The Saturday Schools that are being held on Saturday 10th March and Saturday 24th March from 10am-2pm are the perfect opportunity for Year 11 students to complete pieces of outstanding coursework as well as making improvements to already completed pieces in order to continue to improve marks. This is very important as coursework is worth 60% of the overall grade in both subjects. Some of the successes that we have already had is one student lifting their coursework grade from a C to a B grade in one Saturday session and another Year 11 improving their working at coursework grade from an E to a C grade. Please do encourage your child/ward to attend if you know that there are areas of coursework that they need to be working on.

Dance Show

The show will take place on Thursday 15th March in the Kent Hall between 7-9pm. Tickets are priced at £3 for Adults and £2 for Children and are available from Main Reception.

Sports Relief

Sport Relief 2018 is being celebrated on the 17th-23rd March. At The North School students are invited to help raise money by participating in the marketplace of activities in the PE Department on Friday 23rd March.

We will be holding penalty shoot outs, sponge a teacher, basketball free throw competitions, a cake sale and more so please encourage your child/ward to come and get involved and help raise money!

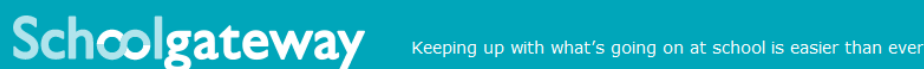
Intercommunity Sports

This has been rearranged for Wednesday 21st March in line with Sport Relief. Boys should bring shin pads and suitable trainers for the all-weather pitch. Girls should be in their usual PE kit for basketball.

Sports Results

No results from last week because of the weather.

School Gateway



As of Monday 12th March you will have access to an increased amount of information relating to your son/daughters education. In order to access this information, you will have to download the School Gateway app or log onto the full website version.

The aim of this is to keep you up to date on:

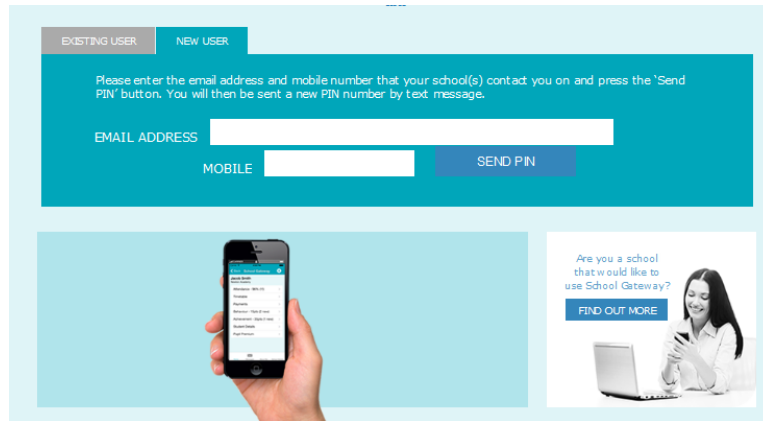
- Attendance data;
- Achievements;
- Timetables;
- Report information;
- Show My Homework.

You will be able to make payments through the app for school visits and it will also streamline communication as all future messages will be sent via the School Gateway rather than by text or email.

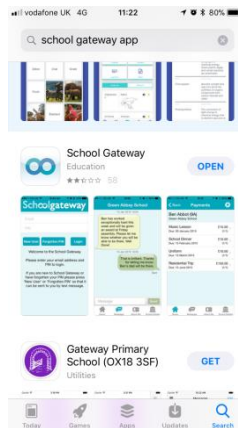
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If you use the full website, please use the following instructions:

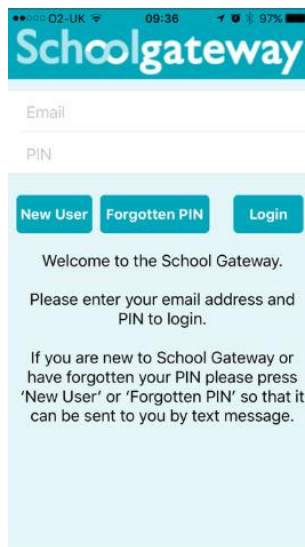
1. Go to www.schoolgateway.com
2. When you visit the School Gateway website for the first time, please scroll down to the bottom of the page and select 'New User' and enter your email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school.



3. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and your account will be activated for you.
4. If you would like to use the app, please download it from the appropriate app store and it should look like this:



5. Open the app, click new user and enter your email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school.



6. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and your account will be activated for you.



Please do not hesitate to contact us should you experience any problems with this.

Book of Commendation

Students signed the Book of Commendation this week for acts of excellence in Sports. Alicja, Clarissa, Billie Jo and Andreea won medals in Kent School Games' Rowing competition. Amelia from Year 7 took part in a national Diving competition.

We also acknowledge young people who are true ambassadors and exemplary members of school. One Year 9 student, Ella recently donated seven inches of her hair for a cancer charity.

Regards,

Grahame Ward

School Business Manager

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