



School Bulletin for Friday 16th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 9 Parents' Evening

This takes place on Thursday 22nd November in the Kent Hall between 4-7pm. Appointments can be booked via the school website <https://thenorth.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Staff Development Day

A reminder that there is a Staff Development Day on **Friday 23rd November 2018** and therefore school will be closed to all students.

University of Kent Succeed Programme

Year 12 students received a presentation from University of Kent Ambassadors on the Succeed Programme that starts at the University in January. The programme is designed to help young people explore the opportunities and challenges offered by higher education with support from university staff and student ambassadors. The programme combines information, exploration and experience to give students a board view of university and support students in deciding if it is the correct path for them.

The programme includes attendance at the University for four days spread between January to April and a four day residential in July. The programme is free and includes food and transportation expenses.

Year 11 Saturday School

This Saturday we have the following revision sessions:

ICT	9am-1pm	EF4	MWI
PE – BTEC	9am-12pm	AG6	SKR/ICO/AJU

Premier Foods' Business Studies Challenge

Members of staff from Premier Foods came into school to work with Year 13 Business Studies students. They gave a presentation on selection and recruitment and our students gained an insight as to what employers are looking for when recruiting staff. Students have been set a challenge to design a job advert and person specification for a Factory Operative and will be judged by the team at the end of the month.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be served in the School Canteen on Thursday 13th December. Menu and further details to follow as to how students may purchase a ticket for the lunch.

School Photographs

School photograph orders have now arrived in school and should have been passed to your child via their Form Tutor. If you have not yet received your order, please email ledner.s@north.kent.sch.uk with your child's name, tutor group and details of your order and we will follow this up with the supplier on your behalf.

If you still wish to order prints, you can do so ONLINE ONLY using the details on your proof card. You will need your child's name and the VanCols reference number.

Management of Allergens by Chartwells

As you will be aware our School Canteen is provided and managed by Chartwells. Their Managing Director has recently provided us with the following message for parents:



"I have no doubt that you will have seen recent news reports around allergens. This is an issue we take extremely seriously and we understand our responsibility to the children and young people we serve.

I would like to reassure you that we are constantly reviewing our process and systems for the management of allergens and the prevention of allergy incidents. These reviews are led by our team, which includes our Health and Safety and Food Safety director as well as nutritionists, chefs and food allergy specialists. As a result of this regular monitoring, earlier this year we put in place a detailed allergen management plan that has been implemented across Chartwells.

One key area this includes is the development of an allergen awareness programme, to support the training that our colleagues receive in respect of allergens. This will be a continuously rolling programme, to help our people understand and manage food that contains allergens. In addition, we are constantly reviewing our recipes to remove unnecessary allergens, as well as working with our suppliers to understand which allergen ingredients they can supply us with.

Please note, it is extremely important that you inform Chartwells of any allergies/intolerances that your child has should they currently eat with Chartwells, or wish to start eating with Chartwells. We welcome all children with allergies/intolerances and providing we deem it safe to do so, an appropriate meal can be provided in line with our internal policies and procedures.

Please see attached to this Bulletin a special diet form to be completed and returned. Please return all forms to us, along with medical evidence and two photographs to chartwells.specialdiets@compass-group.co.uk

*Yours faithfully
Richard Taylor
Managing Director Chartwells*

Student Risk Assessments

Please note that when a student has injured themselves and they need to use crutches, parents should contact our Healthcare Manager, Mrs Daniel to arrange a Risk Assessment and Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) for their child/ward in a meeting in conjunction with parents. We have had several cases lately of parents just dropping students into school on crutches and leaving them with no further instructions relating to how we assist with their injury. Any crutches being used must have been issued by the doctor/hospital and cannot be just a pair that are at home.

British Values

The theme for next week is International Men's Day which takes place on Monday 19th November. Details on the school website.

Sports Results

Student Success – Karate

Well done to Ella Roper who has passed her 3rd Dan in Karate after six hours of physical testing. Ella has been working towards this since she was four years old and along with her family, we are incredibly proud of her achievement.



Netball

The Year 7 Girls had their first taste of competitive netball this week - playing against seven other schools from Ashford and Shepway Districts in the Year 7 tournament to decide which league they would go into. With three wins on the evening, the girls performed well as a team showing that they can pass well to get the ball down the court, and came away being really pleased that they will play in Division One this session. They will be against some tough competition but it will give them some challenge in order to improve their skills in preparation for Year 8.

Football

On Tuesday evening the Under 13's and Under 15 Girls played two matches against Folkestone Academy. Both games took a slow start however we ended up with a victory of 2-0 in both games showing some great play and teamwork.

Cross Country

Eight students from all year groups visited Brockhill School this week to compete in the first round of the cross-country races. The North School won two bronze medals in total with Mia Phillips coming third in her Year 8 & 9 Girls 2k race with an amazing time of 7 minutes 55 and Iain Bremer with an equally amazing time of 12 minutes 8 in his Year 8 & 9 Boys 3k race. Well done to all the other that took part and qualified for the next round of the races!

Regards,

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