



School Bulletin for Friday 19th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Look Out - Year 7 Books

If you have a son or daughter in Year 7 you should by now have received a letter informing you about their books coming home next week. You are encouraged to discuss with your child the following issues:

- The quality and quantity of work completed by the student;
- The quality and the effectiveness of marking;
- The quality of student's responses to the teacher's feedback.

Students should bring feedback forms to their tutors.

Holocaust Memorial

On Friday 26th January, fifteen of our students are participating in the Holocaust Memorial event at The Towers School. This follows on from the emotive experience of listening to a Holocaust survivor relate her experiences to a group of students from Ashford schools last December. Since then they have been working on poetry, prose and art works inspired by the experiences of the Holocaust survivor. The event will be from 6.00pm – 7.00pm. Parents of the participants are welcome to attend.

The school also has Assemblies next week on the Holocaust.

The Speakers Trust

Last week three Year 11 students Aimee Frampton, Sophie McGuinness and Stephanie Redfearn attended the Sixth Form assembly and each delivered a speech. This was part of work a number of our Year 11 students have undertaken with The Speakers Trust working on public speaking, presentation and employability skills. The three students were winners at the initial judging stage last year and competed against each other in this assembly. All speeches were excellent and judging was really close but the overall winner was Stephanie Redfearn who will now go on to represent The North School at the regional finals.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

A reminder that this takes place on Thursday 25th January between 4-7pm. Please make bookings on: <https://thenorth.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Our new Progress Centre

Over the Christmas break we secured a new location for our Pastoral Support Provision (the old PSP). It has been renamed The Progress Centre. Up until now the PSP has been part of our sanctions for students to reflect on their behaviour in and around school before going back out into mainstream lessons. However, there are a number of students who need more support than this and the focus has shifted so that the vision is to create a centre where education is inclusive and focussed on progress.

The objectives are:

- To value learning;
- To value positive behaviour;
- To value the future.

For the children this means: *“To be a better person than I was yesterday”*.

To help with this staff are being encouraged to take students into the Library area, in small groups to support students with their learning who struggle in large classes, particularly those in Year 10 or 11, and work closely with them to help them achieve their full potential in their subjects. This means that those students who are visiting the Progress Centre as a sanction get to see staff working with students in a positive manner. There is also an increase in the number of computers available to students who visit the Progress Centre and a peer mentoring scheme has been set up for Sixth Formers to work closely with students to improve their academic performance.

Our Students at BETT

Next Friday six of our Year 10 students will be visiting the internationally renowned education technology event at EdExcel and get to travel on the Emirates ride. They will have the opportunity to talk to schools and teachers about their Century experience and see the latest technology.

Century is used within our English, Maths and Science departments and is being rolled out across PE and Geography. It provides teachers with detailed insights into their students' learning so less time is spent on marking, data entry, and reporting. It enables our staff to make informed decisions about their students to create maximum impact.

Year 11 Saturday School – Saturday 20th January 2018

The first Saturday school for this term takes place tomorrow and the timetable is as follows:

SUBJECT:	TIME:	LOCATION:	STAFF:
Graphics & Resistant Materials	9.00am-1.00pm	EG1, EG2	CMC, MST
Art	9.15am -10.45am	MF4	CCA
PE (BTEC)	9.15am-12.30pm	PE	AJU, RMA
Science	9.15am -12.30pm	Mabledon	All Science
IT	9.15am -12.30pm	EF4	MWI
Art	10.00am-12.30pm	MF1	EHO

Year 11 Mock Interviews

Next Wednesday our Year 11 students will be given a 20 minute mock interview by local employers and ambassadors who are giving up their time to help our students prepare for job, college or Sixth Form interviews. We have representatives from KCC, government agencies, local universities, utility companies plus a number of local employers including Premier foods, Brakes and Keltbray.

All of the interviewers are from a business background and they will support the students and offer advice and guidance on how to improve their techniques.

Barclays Life Skills

Last week all Year 13 students attended a session with Barclays Lifeskills. The session covered finding employment and people skills.

Sports Clubs

Just a reminder to parents/carers and students that Netball and Football clubs are over for the year. We are now onto Rugby (Tuesdays), Girls Football (Wednesdays), Trampolining (Wednesdays) and Cheerleading (Thursdays) as well as the extensive Basketball clubs that we offer.

Please see the website for more details of afterschool sports clubs.

Sports Results
Results this week:

NETBALL

Our Year 10 Girls came 7th in the Ashford and Shepway Netball Tournament.

The final netball matches and tournaments of the year are: Year 7 on 26th and 31st January, Year 8 on 23rd January.

BASKETBALL

Under 16 boys vs Lenham School- win 80-3.

Under 12 boys vs Lenham School- win 7-4.

Under 14 boys vs Brockhill Park School- win 42-4.

Regards,

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