



School Bulletin for Friday 20th April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Lawrence, Head of School

Welcome back to the new term at The North School. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday. The students have returned to school ready to learn. This week I had a pleasure to meet all students during the standards setting assemblies. Students were reminded about our expectations related to all aspects of school life; for example, uniform, presentation of work, behaviour standards inside and outside lessons. We have also re-visited essential study skills such as independence, revision and resilience. The importance of good quality extended writing was also a theme of one of the assemblies.

Year 11 students had a very busy start to the term. On Monday they took part in the Globe Theatre workshops. The workshops are designed to provide an engaging opportunity to revise Shakespeare. A start-of-the-term assembly also included both practical and motivational guidance for the final stages of the exam preparations. Year 11 students were reminded about the importance of the OSL sessions. We have also introduced a new awards scheme that supports 100% attendance in revision session and offers some contributions towards the cost of the Prom (6 July 2018).

We are looking forward to meeting you during the Spring Fair tomorrow (10am-4pm) as well as during the Parents' Forum on Monday.

Teaching Award Success

Ms Lamberton, who teaches Business Administration, Finance and supports our students with career advice and guidance, was Highly Commended for her hard work and dedication in the recent Kent Teacher of the Year Awards.

Basketball Success

On Wednesday 28th March North's U16 girls won Gold in the Ashford & Shepway District League Gold medal game at John Wallis Academy against Brockhill School with Year 10 student Lauren winning MVP.

On the same day, both U14 and U16 boys won their Gold medal games in the Ashford & Shepway District League, both against John Wallis Academy and played at Ashford College.

On Thursday 29th March our Varsity Lions were invited to the London Basketball Association Elite Men's U24 Colleges tournament at the Copper Box in London as one of the top 12 teams in the country, where they won gold! Kai Potts was awarded the tournament's MVP.

Four teams with four gold medals to finish off the term!!

Parent Forum

The next meeting of the Forum takes place next Monday 23rd April at 6-7pm in the Conference Room. The focus for this meeting is literacy, extended writing and how to support your child.

Combined Maths and Science OSL

72 Year 11 students attended the very special 'Pi in the Sci' OSL session. It covered Maths and Science questions for the upcoming exams. We have had some very positive feedback from students and staff, so here's hoping we can book in another similar session soon.

Uniform and the Summer Weather

Can we remind all parents that as the summer weather approaches and the temperature begins to warm up, students must still be wearing their full school uniform including black school shoes and not trainers. Jumpers will become optional but blazers are still required to be worn in and around school, but may be removed in lessons.

School trousers should be straight or boot cut and not 'skinny'. Some skirts are being rolled over at the waist band and some are just far too short. Parents will be contacted by the community teams if a student's skirt is deemed too short.

A reminder that jewellery (except a wristwatch) is not to be worn and may be confiscated if seen.

False nails/gels/party nails and nail polish must not be worn to school and must be removed beforehand. Make up for older girls must be discreet and kept to a minimum.

Year 9 English

This term Year 9 students embark on their first text for the English literature GCSE 'An Inspector Calls'. A letter has been sent home with more details and suggestions how students and parents can support this but please do not hesitate to contact the English department if you need further information.

The North School & Community College Whitstable Ski Trip

On Saturday 31st March 2018, 19 students from The North School and the Community College Whitstable departed on a ski trip to Andorra. The students endured a 22-hour coach trip, followed by five days of skiing lessons for five hours per day in Vallnord, in the beautiful, mountainous Pyrenees. The students stayed at the Hotel Panorama in Andorra La Veila, the capital of the Spanish Principality, which is famous for its tax free shopping. The hotel had its own games room and pool and the students also participated in a range of evening activities such as bowling, a quiz and of course shopping.

The 'Beast from the East' meant that the snow was still deep which made for great skiing conditions and the weather was fantastic. The students were really well behaved and all had a great time.

We are now planning our trip for 2019, so watch this space for more information.

PE – After School Clubs for Term 5

After School 3.20pm – 4.20pm			
Activity	Year	Venue	Staff
3V3 Basketball (3:15-4pm) Senior Basketball Academy (4pm-5.45pm)	ALL Invite	SH SH	JTO ASU
Rounder's Basketball Academy (4pm-5.45pm)	All Invite	Field SH	SMT
Athletics Cricket Senior Basketball (4pm-6pm) Climbing	ALL ALL Invite ALL	Field AWP SH LBC	JBE/AJU SKR/BRB ASU MBL

Junior Girls Basketball (3:30-4:15pm)	Invite	SH	SSA
Senior Girls Basketball (4:30-6pm)	Invite	SH	SSA
Climbing	ALL	LBC	MB
Tennis	ALL	Courts	ICO/KGA
3v3 Basketball (3:15-4pm)	ALL	SH	JTO
Senior Basketball Academy (4pm-5.45pm)	Invite	SH	ASU
GCSE OSL	Year 11	SP1	AJU/ICO/BRB
BTEC OSL		SP1	ICO/LBR/
Cheerleading	Invite	Gym	HSW

Regards,

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