



School Bulletin for Friday 23rd February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Forum

The next Parent Forum meeting is on Monday 26th February at 6pm. It will be led by Mrs Lawrence, Head of School and Mr Eede, Community Principal and will include a proposal about the use of School Gateway and a discussion about values, uniform and parent governors.

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.

Messages from PE Department

All Year 7 students will be provided with a knowledge organiser next week. This is a revision tool for students to use for their end of term test. The topic is on the Components of Fitness.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the intercommunity sports competitions this week. Once the Year 11 Mock examinations are over we will reschedule and ensure that the date is sent out via Form Tutors, so please watch this space!

Is your child/ward in Year 7 or 8? Do they attend swimming lessons or compete outside of school? We want to attend Ashford's first school swimming competition and are looking for boys or girls in Years 7 and 8 who are confident to compete in the various strokes. Please ask students to see Miss Kray or email skray@north.kent.sch.uk for further information.

The Rock Challenge

Later today some of our students will be performing in a show called 'The Rock Challenge' at The Causeway School in Eastbourne. This is a Swale Academies Trust event involving all eight Secondary Schools and students will be rehearsing their performances in the afternoon followed by an evening show in front of a panel of judges. A keynote speech will be given by the MP from Eastbourne, Stephen Lloyd and the Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex will present the awards at the end of the evening. The theme for our dance is Power and the students will be wearing coloured T-shirts with cartoon logos and superhero masks. We wish all the dancers the best of luck and hope they do really well or as they say in the theatre – "break a leg"!

Science GCSE revision material (for Years 9, 10 and 11)

If you access the Science tab of our school website (under "Subjects") and scroll to the middle of the page, you will find many revision resources. First, you have access to some Get IT PowerPoints recapping all the essential points (keywords and diagrams) students need to know in all three subjects. Then you have a series of past exam papers with mark schemes (at Foundation and Higher Level). Finally, for each of the required practical's the students must be familiar with, you can find a PowerPoint with videos, explanations and exam questions. You can also access the skills sheets for each topic, the AQA specification and the Physics equations students must know by heart.

There is a lot there for you to get on with but if you feel you would like something else, do not hesitate to email Mrs Spreadborough, Head of Department, on:

spreadborough.ce@north.kent.sch.uk

Academy Status

Kent County Council have recently confirmed that whilst issues around the PFI contract are slowing the academisation of the school and the move into The Swale Academies Trust, they are still fully supportive of this and stated *"the long term future of The North School lies within Swale Academies Trust as a stable and successful school"*.

Year 8 Options

Today was the deadline for the submission of Options for next year but if you have not yet returned them can you please do so at the start of next week.

Sports Results

Results from the end of last term:

Basketball:

Year 7 Boys beat Towers School 19-6

Under 16 boys beat Folkestone 65-62

Our Varsity team beat Cobham 102-81

Debating Competition

On Friday 2nd March, The North School are hosting the Swale Academies Trust inaugural Debating Competition and welcoming teams from eight secondary schools within the Trust to our school. Teams will be covering some challenging and interesting topics during the debates. The focus of the competition is all about taking part in the event and we hope that in turn the experience will give students confidence to speak in front of peers, improve oracy and develop skills which will help them in both their academic and professional careers.

The presentation shield is sponsored by Hobbs Parker Ventures Limited and The North School are honoured to form this collaboration with Hobbs Parker.

Year 11 Mock Exams

The Year 11 Mock exams start on Monday 26th February and we wish our students every success in taking these. The schedule is:

Monday 26th February	Science: Biology	English Literature
Tuesday 27th February	Science: Chemistry	
Wednesday 28th February	Media Studies GCSE PE History Graphics Food Technology	PE Paper Geography Resistant Materials Psychology
Thursday 1st March	English Literature	Maths Calculator Paper
Friday 2nd March	Science: Physics Computing History	Geography French Writing Spanish Writing

Regards,

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