



School Bulletin for Friday 3 November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Bulletin

In addition to regular website updates, termly newsletter and frequent Twitter news, as from the beginning of this term we will produce a weekly School Bulletin to keep everyone updated on the events of the forthcoming week, reminders, school news and dates for the diary. The School Bulletin will be sent to parents via School Comms. The Bulletin will be published every Friday and, in addition to the School Comms message, it will also be uploaded on the school website.

We are now nearing the end of the first week of the new term and the school is now moving forward and looking to build on the GOOD Ofsted inspection assessment. Our first week back was very busy with Year 11 preparing for mock exams and Pupil Parliament met on the first day of term with a record number of representatives attending from each form. English and Mathematics re-sit exams started this week and we are looking forward to another successful term.

Year 8 Exercise Books – home this week

As a school we are seeking to ensure that all our students make excellent academic progress and take a pride in the work they produce. One of the ways in which we monitor achievement is by regularly reviewing the work students complete in their exercise books. This week Year 8 students take their books home for parental perusal. We would value any feedback or comments that you wish to make.

Student Illness

As we head into the winter period the incidence of illness increases and whilst nobody can avoid occasionally being sick it is important to recognise that our pupils only receive 190 days education a year and any missed days and lessons do have an impact upon them and potentially their progress and results. If however your son / daughter is unwell enough not to attend school, can we remind you that you are expected to notify the school each day by ringing in to the Attendance Office (extn 206) first thing in the morning.

Year 11 – “Pathways to Success” day – Wednesday 8th November

Year 11 students are off timetable all day on different pathways such as visiting Kent University, Dungeness, working with the Armed Forces/Public services or working with a range of different employers in school. Students are reminded to return option choice slips urgently.

Saturday Schools

After a very successful set of Year 11 revision sessions, particularly in Science, during the October half-term break our regular Saturday School mornings start again on Saturday 11th November and run for four weeks this term. Full details to follow.

Social Media – School Twitter Updates

Please be aware that we are constantly updating our Twitter account with details of recent events and photos of the children. It's an excellent way to keep up to date with a wide range of school events. In order to get a flavour of the school life, follow us on Twitter: @TheNorthSch.

Year 8 Parents Evening

Just a reminder that this takes place on Thursday 9 November 2017 between 1600 and 1900 in the Kent Hall. Appointments can be booked using the on line booking system - <https://thenorth.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Progression to University

Many students in our Sixth Form with support from their tutors are busy finalising their submissions to universities for next year. We are hoping for the biggest number of our students making this progression next September.

On Wednesday the Year 13 A Level Law class went to the Open Day for Law and Criminology at Greenwich University. University Open Days are a fantastic opportunity to find out about the course you may be interested in, the campus and the opportunities. As a result of this visit, four students are now applying to Greenwich University.

Next Tuesday (7th November), all Year 13 UCAS applicants will have a talk from The Student Finance Team. This will be an opportunity for students to discover what financial prospects are available to them and how to manage their finances once they are at university.

Parents Forum

The next meeting of the Forum is Monday 6th November at 6-7pm. All parents are invited to attend this session to celebrate the Ofsted success and to identify priorities for the current academic year. We would like to encourage parents to get involved as it is an important part of school life.

School Uniform

Can we remind you that students should wear black, leather shoes and not trainers. Students who wear trousers, please be reminded that these need to be straight and not skin tight. In the case of skirts they need to have the school logo and be of an appropriate length.

Christmas Break

I realise the term has only started but it is worth reminding you that the school breaks up on Wednesday 20th December and starts back on Thursday 4th January 2018.

Regards,

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