



School Bulletin for Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Canteen Price Increase

We apologise about the late notice but Chartwells, the catering provider, have just informed us that a price increase comes into effect on Monday 10th September. The impact on specific items is not yet clear but we understand that the overall increase is 3.5% that will raise the cost of a main meal by 6p.

As soon as we have more detailed information it will be put on the school website and an update provided in the next Bulletin.

Reading Books in KS3

A reminder that all Year 7 students are expected to carry a reading book in their bag every day. Independent reading is one of the greatest ways to learn new words and fuel a student's imagination; it also helps students become more familiar with spelling rules and patterns too. A book list can be found in the KS3 English Language student guide, available on the website if you need some inspiration.

KS3 Weekly Spellings

All students in Years 7-9 will be set weekly spellings to learn followed by a class test (see SMHW). The spellings follow particular patterns and teachers will cover this in class. Strategies to learn these spellings will be shared with students to help increase their independent learning. A range of these can be found in the KS3 English Language students' guide available on the website. Students who are ready for the next step can also speak to their class teachers about learning words from a trickier stretch and challenge list too.

Year 11 Parents' Information Evening

Last night the school hall was filled with our new Year 11 students and their parents/carers to receive information on what this important year holds.

The presentations covered:

- Summary of the recent GCSE results;
- What you need to achieve to get into Sixth Form or College and then University;
- How the school tracks student progress and provides support e.g. Mentoring;
- The importance of both Homework and Attendance;
- The new Period 7 (OSL) and;
- The recipe for Success:

- **Work Hard**
- **Plan**
- **Trust**
- **Communicate**

There was then an opportunity to meet with teachers from the core subjects (English, Maths and Science) as well as those from Geography and History.

Revision guides were available to purchase.

News from the Science Department

The Science Department had a fantastic end to the academic year. In the last three weeks of term, all Year 8 students took part in a STEM project. During this time, students conducted a number of practical's, theory and research lessons. The aim of the project was to produce an alternative product to plastic for example plastic bottles.

On the last Friday before the end of term, the winning teams from each class competed against each other for an opportunity to represent The North School in a Trust competition.

The two winning teams from The North School were 8G and 8M2 and these two teams headed over to Sittingbourne Community College on Monday 23rd July 2018.

The competitors from The North School were outstanding and we got a well-deserved second place in the Trust.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Year 8 students on their hard work.



Sporting Superstars

We are very proud of the array of sporting achievements of students at The North School and have a 'Spotlight' board to highlight these. If there is something that your child does outside of school, e.g. plays for Kent or regional teams then please let us know and email a photo of them

in their kit to skray@north.kent.sch.uk so that we can update the board. We often find that students are a little shy of telling us themselves!

Congratulations to Jessica Heath who has been selected as part of the Kent Netball Squad for 2018-2019.

Sports Results

No results to report this week but good luck to our Under 14 Netball team who are on a residential at Condover Hall in Shropshire this weekend- please look out next week for a full report.

Regards,

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