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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Festival of Education – What a day!

I do hope your child was full of news to share about their day on Thursday; the event has taken extensive planning and preparation but delivered to our students access to some national giants such as Professor Robert Winston, Olympian Darren Campbell, Flamenco dancing, Operating Theatre Live and more. We welcome your feedback to [Mrs K Parsons](#).

Presentation Evening

Prize winners from Years 13, 12 and 11 attended a very joyous Presentation Evening on Tuesday. The Sports Hall was full with proud parents and students who held their heads high as they walked the stage to receive their prizes and leavers certificates. We have a wealth of talent and ability in this school and it was a proud moment to be a part of. The school website has a selection of photographs from the evening [here](#).

Years 7 and 8 Exams

Exams commence in the Hall on Monday. We trust they have been revising and wish them well. A big part of the five-year plan is for the students to practise being in the exam halls early and experience a longer exam covering material from the year.

Both year groups have had an exams briefing in assembly so are aware of the locations and the rules for no communication. Students may bring water in a bottle with no labels. Please support them to organise their bags. They must only use a black pen for all exams. We also recommend that they leave phones at home, in a locker or in student services at the front of school, as bags in the bag store can be squashed or occasionally stood on and the school cannot take responsibility for any damage caused.

The summer data sheets will be with you in the next few weeks; you will notice that the sheet contains all the usual data without any written comments. This is to bring us into line with the Government expectations of a written report once a year. Next year you will receive the usual data three times a year, with one set also containing a written comment report from each teacher.

For a regular insight into your child's progress, please look in books for the yellow box marking where strengths and targets will be shared. Students are expected to complete all yellow box tasks.

MILK Questionnaire

Please look out for an online survey to give us some feedback about the system. Please remember also that the **Parent Forum** will be held on **Monday 10th July**, commencing at 5.00 p.m. Joining us that evening is MILK Developer Michael Dowling-Fleet. Please come and join us to ask any questions or suggest how MILK may be improved for the future.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher



We have a fantastic line-up of activities during tomorrow's Family Fun Day including:

- Dog show • Archery • Pony rides • Crazy golf • Visit from the fire service • Fun fair • Rodeo bull • Face painting and glitter tattoos • Talent contest
- Craft stalls including: Forever Living, The Body Shop Bird Boxes, Jewellery, JoJo Bows, Crazy Sand and Bubble Guns • Activities include: stocks and sponges, splat the rat and welly throwing • Raffle to win a spa day for 2 at the Lion Quays, Arla luxury food hamper, family ticket for 4 to Park Hall • Family sports • Nerf gun shoot-out • Penalty shoot-out • Hog roast, pizza, burgers, coffee, cakes, Prosecco bar and beer!



Summer Term School Trips and Events

- Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition:
1st – 4th July
- Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition:
8th – 10th July
- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition:
15th – 16th July

Internet Safety

You may be interested to know that all Years 7, 8 and 9 students have seen a video about online safety in assembly this week; to allow you to discuss any issues they may wish to raise with you the video link is [here](#).

Snapchat

The Regional Organised Crime Squad have contacted local Safeguarding Boards to inform them of recent changes to Snapchat. The new Snapchat update enables the device being used to show the precise location through a map, even to the extent of where you are within a building. As parents/carers I want you to be aware of the dangers of the new app update and potential concerns that may arise with its use.

As a school, we are suggesting that you check your child's device and carry out the following actions:

If you pinch the screen, your location will be shown. To disable this you click on the settings button (the cog) whilst on this screen and tick the option 'ghost mode'. This will then be disabled, which will then stop the location from being shown.

Reminders

If for any reason your child loses a letter, letters can be downloaded and viewed on the Parent & Student section of the School Website under Letters. If your child is absent for any reason, please let us know by 8:30 a.m. Call the School on 01691 664400 and choose option 1. Please leave your child's name, form, house and reason for absence.

Term Dates

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April – Friday 21st July

PD Days: Monday 24th July, Tuesday 25th July

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5th September to Thursday 21st December 2017

Please note – Tuesday 5th September is for Years 7 and 12

ONLY. Students in Years 8-11 and Year 13 will return on

Wednesday 6th September

Half term Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2017

PD day Monday 4th September

The Festival of Education

Please click [here](#) to read the festival round-up written and produced by 44 journalism students!



PE Success

Our sporting success continues with an amazing day at the athletics on Friday and our students were superb. There were some fantastic performances during the day from the students with individuals across the teams gaining 10 first places, 10 second and 5 third places. Those unplaced still worked hard for every place and made a real difference to the overall scores. The PE team also held a very successful Sport Awards evening on Wednesday to celebrate their numerous successes this year; this includes the sports trip to Canada which has been wonderfully captured by the travel company in this promotional video [here](#).



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Mallory – 2072

Whittaker – 1837

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