

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have received communication this week regarding some changes we are making to our Covid 19 management around the site.

We are still in a good position, but this could change in the weeks ahead, so these are pragmatic changes to keep cases low in school.

We know that the best learning is in the classroom with the teacher and students together.

We continue to use hand gel at the start and end of lessons, as well as the spray on desks and ventilation of rooms. Our year groups social time is in their own zones as standard, so no change is needed there.

We will pause our year group assemblies now and are all wearing masks whilst moving around the site and in the morning lines. A number of parent evening events have been cancelled – with the Year 7 tutor meetings moving online.

Please continue to keep your child at home if they are displaying any of the symptoms of Covid 19 – a persistent cough, a fever, or loss of taste and smell. Please also continue to keep our absence line up to date.

Vaccination consent forms in paper form for both flu and Covid 19 should now have arrived via your child, as well as electronically in your inbox. If you need a paper form, please let us know.

Mrs Alison Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

thesharpsystem
school help advice reporting page

There are many reasons why young people decide not to talk about incidents of unkindness that can progress to bullying. These include not feeling comfortable talking face to face, a general lack of confidence, peer pressure or feeling scared in case someone sees them talking in the school's office to name but a few. That is why our anti-bullying ambassadors chose to launch the SHARP Anti-Bullying System in school.

SHARP stands for **Student Help Advice Reporting Page**.

The SHARP System allows young people to share any incidents or information for themselves, or for a friend, without fear.

SHARP is anonymous if students choose not to include their name – but we can only go and support them directly if we know who they are. The SHARP System can be accessed on phones, tablets, consoles or any device with an internet connection at any time at home.

Students can visit SHARP, read advice on the site and submit a report use the following link:

<http://marches.thesharpsystem.com/index.php>

Girls' Football Club – Strong Turnout



I'm really pleased with the turnout at Girls' Football training, and we are really looking forward to being able to play fixtures. It's not too late to join in - every Tuesday 3:10pm-4:00pm on the Astro, all year's welcome.

Miss Brown – Science Teacher

Year 7 Active Groupwork



The carousel task helped them find out about the mythological story of Medusa before sharing opinions about her treatment and deciding if they would be kind to her, despite her label of 'monster'.

Equipment Check

Students have well stocked pencil cases, however not all were found to have a scientific calculator.

Our recommended model is the Casio FX83 currently on offer in WH Smiths at £9.99.

All students should also have a water bottle to access the fountains around the site.

FOCUS **Mr Frances is Feeling Old!**



Year 12 Computer Scientists have been studying secondary storage devices. They were introduced to the wonderful device that is the Floppy Disk! "You used to use one of those Sir".



UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- Year 7 Tutor led end to transition – **Thursday 7th October** (Online)
- Year 10 English Literature mock exams – **11th and 13th October**
- PD Day - **Friday 15th October** – school closed for students
- Half-term – **18th – 29th October**

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