

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday 20th July, during period 4, we will be holding our **annual Lockdown Practice**. It is government best practice to have a plan and to hold an annual practice. All staff are briefed and ready and will guide students through the process in their classrooms. There is nothing for students to prepare for in advance, and lessons will continue during the practice.

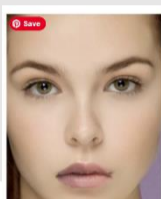
Student's phones should be off as normal, but if your child does make contact – please reassure them that this is a practice and they should be inside a classroom following the teachers guidance.

The scenario we will use is that a dangerous dog is loose on the site.

Sports Day was a great day, as usual, last week, with two longstanding records broken and last week's **Prom** was a lovely evening. Check out our Facebook feed for lots of photos of both events.

Parent Survey – 70% of parents who responded supported a change to the **makeup policy** – to allow Year 9 students to follow what is currently a KS4 set of rules. Our governors debated this last week and have agreed to a trial for next year.

From September, all students in Years 9 to 11 will be able to wear **modest** makeup which we define on our website – we will be updating the website shortly, but the relevant page is [here](#).



Allowed in Key Stage 4	Not allowed
Light foundation	Thick Foundation
Cover up	Contouring
Setting Powder	Highlighter
Nude eye colours	Bright colours
Mascara	False Lashes
Eyebrows - natural shape and colour	Eyebrow liners or gels
	Eyeliner
	Lipstick, liner or gloss

Mrs Alison Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Let's not lose it - with permanent naming of **ALL** school uniform including coats, shoes and all PE kit, bags, rucksacks, lunch boxes, water bottles, pencil cases and calculators can all be labelled. We have a mountain of lost property we cannot return.

Your child can visit Student Services (by Medical) where all lost items end up.

We have several pairs of glasses and items of jewellery, do email admin@mar.mmat.co.uk title – 'LOST PROPERTY' and we will try to get items back to students.



Henry Moore and Pride Inspired Art

Year 6 have made an amazing start during their Art transition lesson.



Innovation Challenge – How few steps can you take?

Most people were carried in one way or another in this week's Sixth Form enterprise interform challenge.



Mule Bike Workshops

On Friday, we had Mule in school to deliver some workshops to our bike enthusiastic students. James was fantastic and taught students how to tune the gears on a bike as well as much more. A massive thank you to James at Mule for the fantastic workshops.

Visit to The Centre of Alternative Technologies



Eggstrordinary Innovation

KS3 students have enjoyed designing and engineering a contraption to safely land their 'Egg person' after being dropped from a great height. They showed initiative, creativity and great teamwork.

"It was so good, we wanted to do it again next lesson!"



Environment & Innovation Futures



Years 7 and 9 spoke live to Graciela del Valle from Camps International in Ecuador about their work in reforestation, education and tourism to protect the Amazon Rainforest. Students heard about the projects and asked insightful questions about their effectiveness and plans for the future, as well as practising their Spanish!

FOCUS

Imperial College London - STEM

Year 10 students were sponsored by Shrewsbury School for an amazing residential experience.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Parent Forum – 18th July.
- Sponsored Walk – 24th July.
- Summer break begins – 27th July.
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Click [here](#) to view our term dates.



NEWS

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