



Parent / Carer Bulletin

Friday 11th June 2021

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14/06	
15/06	
16/06	
17/06	Y10 / Y12 Internal Written Mock Exams End
18/06	Y10 Bronze DofE Assessment Expedition – Mendip Hills

**Collective Worship Term 5
Theme: Enlightenment**

Help us to Enlighten the dark corners of existence, And scatter this light far and wide.

May we see life differently to the way we once did in order to cultivate a deeper understanding of the world, and ourselves.

And make our lives more fruitful.

We hope to receive inspiration and direction.

May we have the clarity of thought to act meaningfully.

KEY DATES June

18th June - Early closure at 1.20pm for reset preparation (tbc)

18th-19th June - Y10 Bronze DofE Assessment Expedition – Mendip Hills

21st June – School Reset (see box right and information sheet attached to this Bulletin)

21st June- Y10 and Y12 Internal Mock Practical Exams Begin

23rd June – Y9 Individual Photographs

24th June – Y10 Individual photographs

28th June – Y10 Geography Field Trip - Bath

Headteacher's Update:

Dear Parent,

Please find attached to this bulletin an information sheet about our plans for 21st June. I have mentioned before the desire to return the school back to more normal operation and I know that some schools have already started to do this. It will clearly be informed by guidance but just so you have the detail, I have summarized it here for you. In order to ensure it happens, we will be closing early on 18th June at 1.20pm so staff have some time to prepare. Students will receive a full briefing on 18th June in tutor time.

We are also working hard on a number of upcoming events – Year 6 Transition Day, Year 12 Transition Day - and it feels really positive that we have been able to prepare for face to face sessions as opposed to everything being online.

You may have heard in the news that Ofsted have conducted some national research into the issue of sexual harassment in schools with 9 out of 10 girls reporting that they have experienced it at some point. Many have said that it has been so commonplace that they don't report it. We are currently reviewing all of our processes and protocols for how we manage that here at school, but please do take a moment to discuss this with your child. It is not acceptable and as with all of our other efforts to ensure students continue to feel safe, if you have some suggestions as to how else we can tackle this, please do let me know.

The warm weather is always welcome but can I remind everyone that we do have a uniform policy as detailed on our website and in previous Bulletins and this needs to be maintained, so please can you remind your child that they need to make sure they are following it.

Have a lovely weekend

**Tim Farrer
Headteacher**

Digital Parenting

We recognise that parents and carers wish to provide digital protection for their children and promote safe usage. As within school, there is a need to combine education with responsible oversight and to impose age appropriate controls over access to online materials and time spent with multi-media devices. We regularly publish an infographic with some excellent examples of advice in respect to discussing e-safety with young people and understanding how to deploy home filtering. We are aware that these might not always reproduce well in this format and recommend that you access the link below to sign up and access the weekly infographic. This week they are highlighting "How to set up parental controls for privacy" for both iPhone and Android phones. This and other really valuable resources can be accessed <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/training>

Please log into your ParentPay account to pay for the following items if relevant.

Trip/Item	Payment	Due
Calculators	£9.20	All Year
Geometry Sets	£1.30	All Year
A Level Calculator	£20.25	All Year
Sketchbooks	Various	All Year
Face Masks - COVID 19	£3.00	ongoing
Year 10 DofE Bronze	£115	ASAP
DofE Mendip Coach	£18.00	16/06/2021
Year 12 Gold DofE	£175.00	25/06/2021
Year 13 Gold DofE	£315.00	25/06/2021
Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip	£15.00	25/06/2021
Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip	£30	16/06/2021

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR PRIVACY iPhone

The privacy settings on your child's Apple device give you control over the information stored on it. This allows you to select which apps can access features and information on your child's device: for example, you might wish to block a social networking app from connecting to the camera reel, or specify which apps can use the device's location data.

How to make changes to privacy settings
You can block certain apps from obtaining information from your child's device. You can also prevent your child (or anyone other than you) from altering these settings.

- 1 Open 'Settings'
- 2 Tap 'Screen Time'
- 3 Tap 'Content & Privacy Restrictions'
- 4 Scroll to 'Privacy'
- 5 Choose the settings you wish to restrict
- 6 After you've made any changes, select 'Use Screen Time Passcode' to lock your changes with a PIN

How to prevent changes to other settings/features
You can also stop changes being made to the iPhone's other settings or features by anyone but you. For example, you can prevent your child from altering their passcode, accounts or mobile data settings.

- 1 Open 'Settings'
- 2 Tap 'Screen Time'
- 3 Tap 'Content & Privacy Restrictions'
- 4 Scroll to 'Allow Changes'
- 5 Select 'Allow' or 'Don't Allow' on the settings for which you wish to enable or disable changes

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Information regarding 21st June Reset

Dear Parent,

As I have stated previously, I am keen for the school to begin to evolve out of the systems employed to manage the situation with the pandemic. My belief is that we are at a stage where we can consider relaxing some of the safeguards in place and although we will of course be alert to any changes in guidance, I plan to implement the details below from 21st June.

The details below are a brief, bullet point list of how the school will operate between now and the end of term. We have worked hard to prepare to move back to a more normal operation, whilst ensuring we maintain safety for all in the community, and I offer my thanks to all the staff who have had such a can-do attitude.

With these changes, I am sure there will be some anxiety as well. We have got used to different ways of working and have been on high alert for so long with regards to infection. All of these steps will be done in light of guidance and all risk assessments will be reviewed, amended and shared. In order to do some final preparations and ensure that rooms are set up with the correct furniture and resources are re-distributed across the school, **we are closing at 1.20pm on Friday 18th June** to provide staff with some time. Some staff will be working over the weekend and we are very grateful for all of their efforts.

The following information will be shared with students via an extended tutor briefing on Friday 18th June in which they will have the opportunity to ask questions. I am sending this information to you so you have it in advance. We are asking that students:

- Move between classrooms for their lessons ensuring they have full access to all specialist rooms. In order to minimise the risks associated with this, we will have a one-way system in some buildings, ask students to walk on the left and wear masks in corridors and continue to follow all hygiene protocols. Their new timetables will be printed and distributed on 17th June and there will be an extended tutorial on Friday 18th June so this can all be explained. Year 7 will not have had the chance to see all of the school due to lockdowns and we will ensure that their tutor will familiarise them with key locations. A reminder here that there is a map in their planner
- Have no change to transport
- Arrive and enter via the allocated entrance and use the wash stations as now. They will then be allowed to disperse in the outside areas and then move at 8.25am to their tutor group (which will be the same) in their tutor room (which will be different)
- Continue to observe the teacher zone in classrooms
- Continue with their current space and time for breaks and lunches
- Continue with current systems for fire evacuation, behaviour management, all hygiene protocols, communicating with HOH and making appointments at student reception (Contact Head of House via @studentreception) and bring their own equipment
- With regards to uniform – PE Kit **only** on the day that they have PE and Dance

Tim Farrer
Headteacher