



Parent / Carer Bulletin

Friday 16th July 2021

Headteacher's Update:

Week B	
19/07	Y8/Y9 Catch Up HPV & MenACWY / DTP – 8.30-12.30pm Gold Practice Expedition - Black Mountains (provisional)
20/07	Gold Practice Expedition - Black Mountains (provisional)
21/07	Gold Practice Expedition - Black Mountains (provisional)
22/07	
23/07	1.30pm Term 6 Ends

Collective Worship Term 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*

Dear Parents

I hope this finds you well

This has been another busy week and one in which we had to decide to have a circuit break for year 9. Many hours were spent on Wednesday discussing the situation with Public Health and they reported being inundated with cases in schools. I had a meeting this morning with other heads in Wiltshire and one of them reported 54 cases this week. We are clearly still dealing with a pandemic and we still have a responsibility to ensure we are reporting cases and testing regularly. From Monday, the NHS Test and Trace service will be taking the lead here but please do stay in touch with us.

As we approach the final week of term, I will be preparing an end of year letter to send to you so this bulletin will be brief. A thank you to all the PE staff who persisted with offering a Sports Day experience for students in spite of the restrictions and some biblical weather and a reminder that next Friday is a half day, ending at 1.20pm

*With kind regards
Tim Farrer*

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

From the Department of Education

New household account feature for parents reporting test results

NHS Test and Trace are continuing to develop and improve the process for self-test reporting. Currently, if a parent is submitting results through their account on behalf of a child, they have to enter the child's details every time they report a result.

As a result of feedback from parents, NHS Test and Trace have introduced household accounts. This allows parents to save their children's details to their own user accounts so parents can report results for multiple members in the household more quickly and easily.

When reporting self-test results parents will now be offered the opportunity to create a household account, which should take no more than 2 minutes. Parents can then add all household members to their account, enabling them to save time when reporting all future self-test results.

COPIES OF MACBETH FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Year 11 students have been told via Class Charts that they need to purchase their own copy of Macbeth by William Shakespeare for the start of term 1 in September. Macbeth is a set text for English Literature GCSE, and it is vital that students have their own personal copies to annotate.

We recommend either the Oxford Shakespeare edition of the play (widely available from bookshops or online), or some students like to use a copy with larger text and more white space, which you can find by Googling 'Macbeth dyslexia friendly edition', or searching this on Amazon; many dyslexic and non-dyslexic students alike prefer this edition of the play.

If you would like to buy a revision guide for your child, we recommend the York Notes GCSE 9-1 Macbeth revision guide (widely available from bookshops or online).

Please can we ask that you buy / order your child's copy of Macbeth at the earliest opportunity, so that they will have it with them at the start of next term.

If your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium, and the school usually provides a copy of set English Literature texts and revision guides, the school will provide copies of Macbeth and a revision guide in September.

Thank you.

St Laurence English department

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Congratulations to the following students for completing all four elements of their DofE Bronze Award. This is an incredible achievement during a nationwide lockdown. Mrs Howsam will award them with their certificates in September.

Ned Locke
Amelia Wallis
Ava Clarke
Will Jones
Joe Khatri
Rose Cooper
Finn Caddy
Emily Flindall
Scarlett Lamb
Parys Margaris
Sasha Kamotskiy
Amy Cottle
Oliver Smith
Kim Davies

