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## **PARENT BULLETIN**

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Dear Parents,

I am sure that parents of Key Stage 3 students will be aware of how active school life has been at the start of the year. All of Year 7 spent the day at Blacklands Farm Outdoor Centre last week, many of Year 9 visited High Ashurst Outdoor Centre and 80 of our Year 8 students have spent this week on the Isle of Wight. I would like to thank Mr Hogg, Ms Beal and Miss Jarman for all their hard work in organising these events.

I am very impressed with the way most of our Year 11 students have returned to school this year. The vast majority are very focused and working hard. Keep it up Year 11!

Mark Phillips

### **Students arriving late for school:**

All students are expected to be in their form room by 8:30am each day. Anyone arriving after this time will be marked late. A text will only be sent home to parents for those students who arrive AFTER 8:50am. Please be aware that 2 late marks in a week will lead to a Director of Learning after school detention. A letter will be sent home to advise parents if a detention is set.

### **Maths GCSE Study Workshops - Room G10/G16 - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 3.15 - 4.00pm**

You are invited to attend a study workshop on one, two or all of the above sessions to focus on the January Module and preparation for the terminal paper, both of which will be tested on in your Mock Examinations in December. Regular attendance is encouraged - at least one session per week. All sessions will be taken by Maths teachers with individual/small group guidance as necessary. Please sign in for each session. Thank you.

### **Year 10 first written ISA Examination - Monday 6 October**

All students will be expected to take the written paper and are advised to revise the key terminology in preparation for Monday.

**Morrison's "Let's Grow" vouchers** - Morrison's have "Let's Grow" vouchers which are redeemable for gardening equipment and seeds. As our Enrichment groups will be doing a project on gardening, the School will register to enable us to redeem the vouchers. Please collect as many as you can from Morrison's (don't forget to ask the cashier for them) - there will be a collection box in Reception for the vouchers. Thank you for your support.

### **World's Biggest Coffee Morning - Friday 26 September**

As part of their Active Citizenship, a class of Year 11 students held a coffee morning for staff in aid of Macmillan.

**Year 11 sponsored row & cycle - Thursday 9 October** - As part of their citizenship course, Michael Pope, Harry Hansen, Stuart Davies, Alex Davies, Shane Bourne and Rhys Warren are doing a sponsored row and cycle to raise money for Breast Cancer. There is an Official Sponsor form at Reception if anyone would like to support the students.

**Year 11 Drama GCSE students** - Just a reminder that Year 11 Drama GCSE students are meeting at 5.00pm at the front of school on Tuesday 7 October to go and see "Blue Remembered Hills" at The Union Theatre in London.

### **Year 10 Work Experience - July '09**

Letters have been given to all Year 10 students this week with information on work experience. This will take place from Monday 6 July to Friday 17 July inclusive. Students are responsible for finding their own placements. All WEX Forms should be completed (both sides) and returned to Ms Fowlds by 14 November. Thank you.

**Key Stage 3 Art Club** - Miss Wragg is running a Key Stage 3 Art Club after School every Thursday in Room D08.

**PSA - PSA & AGM meeting** - Tuesday 7 October at 7.00pm - School Library

**Boot Sales (Saturdays):**

- 4<sup>th</sup> October
- 1<sup>st</sup> November
- 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Quiz Nights (Fridays):**

- 24<sup>th</sup> October
- 28<sup>th</sup> November