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PARENT BULLETIN

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Dear Parents,

You may be aware that the government has decided to cancel the SATs examinations for Year 9. Whilst I think that this is a good decision in the long term, as is often the way, it has been managed very badly with no real thought about the current group of children in Year 9. I am meeting with key staff next Tuesday to discuss what we will now do to keep Year 9 focused on their academic achievement and I will write to parents of the Year group later in the week.

I would like to congratulate the team working on the Memorial Garden. They are making excellent progress - extra volunteers always appreciated!

Mark Phillips

Year 10 Music GCSE - The Year 10 Music GCSE class are giving a concert on Thursday 6 November at 6.00pm in the Main School Hall. This will be a concert of solos and ensemble performances and is an important part of their ongoing performance assessment and development as musicians. The concert is open to all and entry is free of charge, but if you should like to attend, I should be grateful if you would let me know via the school office as soon as possible. Thank You.

Mr James Bryant, Music Department.

Year 11 Revision Sessions Oct/Nov 2008

<u>Module</u>	<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Higher</u>
B1a - Tues 21 st October	See Below.	Mrs Letts in G09
C1a - Thurs 23 rd October	Miss Brown in G01	Mrs Winderbank in G02
P1a - Fri 7 th November	Mrs Letts in G09	Mr Collings in G03
C1b - Thurs 13 th November	Miss Brown in G01	Mrs Winderbank in G02
P1b - Mon 17 th November	Miss Letts in G09	Mr Collings in G03
B1b - Tues 18 th November	Miss Nightingale in G04	Mr Evans in G05

Please note the B1a Foundation revision will be held on Friday 24 October in Room G03 with Mr Collings

Maths GCSE Study Workshops - Room G10/G16 - **Monday, Tuesday & Thursday**, 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.

PE News

Netball

The Year 9 Netball team played an excellent game against Oakwood and lost by a narrow margin, 7-6. Year 10 had an equally good game against Oakwood and won 16-1. Well done to both teams.

Swimming

Congratulations to all the girls who swam in the Gala on Monday evening at Dunottar School. Great team support and effort - well done.

PE Clubs & Activities

Clubs and Activity sessions are a great way to practice skills and socialise with other students. It is important to attend these sessions on a regular basis - the more the merrier..

Dancing Pencils Writers Club - for young aspiring "want to be" authors - every Wednesday during lunch break in the School Library with Mr Gous. See you there.

Hockey Club - After School on Mondays and Thursdays with Mr Gous and Ms Nightingale. All ages welcome on both days.
Key Stage 3 Art Club - Miss Wragg is running a Key Stage 3 Art Club after School every Thursday in Room D08.

Memorial Garden -

Saturday 18 October, 8.00-10.00am - Help needed to fill the skip

Friday 24 October, 3.30-5.30pm - Adult help needed please. We will be finishing off the fencing, lining the "POND", planting etc. Hope to see you there. (Bring Gardening gloves and a sense of humour).

PSA Meeting - Tuesday 18 November at 7.00pm in Library. New members very welcome.

Boot Sales (Saturdays):

- 1st November
- 6th December

Boot Sales 2009

- 7th March
- 4th April
- 9th May
- 6th June
- 4th July

Quiz Nights (Fridays):

- 24th October
- 28th November
- 23rd January 09
- 27th February 09
- 27th March 09
- 24th April 09
- 22nd May 09
- 17th July 09