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PARENT BULLETIN

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Dear Parents,

Homework

The Homework timetable is available on the School website. Please check which subjects your child should be doing and ensure that their homework is recorded in the planner. If you have any concerns about homework for a specific subject, please contact your child's teacher. For general concerns please contact the Director of Learning for your child's Year Group. Parents - please sign your child's planner every week.

Mark Phillips

Student ID Cards & Cashless Catering

Students should wear their ID cards in School and buy a replacement if lost. All top up payments to Caterlink for school meals must be made from 8.00-8.30am & after 1.30pm in the Canteen. The Canteen is not able to accept payments during busy morning break. Please ensure all cheques have a cheque card number on the back or they will have to be returned.

Students will only be able to purchase food in the Canteen with their ID cards, effective Monday 22 September.

Maths - Calculators

The Maths Faculty have Scientific Calculators for sale at only £4.00 each. Every student should have a calculator with them every day as part of their basic school equipment.

PE News

Year 8 & Year 9 Boys Rugby - RAAS Monday 15 September

The Year 8's are fresh to the game and were up against a very experienced team. They played a good hard game but on this occasion lost to RAAS. Best on field - James Hoy and Chris Ellis. Well done everyone.

The Year 9 team were short on numbers, with only 11 players and one Year 8. We played four 15 minute quarters. RAAS had a squad of 26 players and rotated their players in two teams, playing two quarters each. Despite this the lads played a good game and were disappointed not to win on this occasion. Levy Smith scored the first try of the game from the kick off, with tries from Kes Ajuwa and Levy Smith. Best players on pitch for us were Kes, Levy, Nathan Ward and Jacob Halvadjian. All boys did us proud.

Science Faculty

KS3 Science Club - Tuesday 3.15-4.30pm, Room G01

Practical activities plus monthly Science based quiz for prizes and fund activities - interested? - see Mrs Brown.

Year 7 Workbooks

With changes to the National Curriculum for Year 7 this year, as a faculty we have introduced a workbook for the year group. These will initially be issued to the whole year group free but replacements will cost £4.99 per book. In addition to the workbook, the Faculty have specific course books available at a reduced cost of only £3.50. Any student wanting a copy should speak to their science teacher.

Core GCSE & additional GCSE Revision Guides

The Core GCSE and additional GCSE revision guides are now in and will be on sale from Monday 22nd September. Each guide covers all the requirements for the course at a cost of only £3.50 each (normally £4.99). Letters informing parents of this book along with the GCSE workbook have been sent out.

GCSE Art Club

Miss Wheeler's GCSE catch up Art Club for Year 10 & 11 is every Thursday in Room C01.

Year 9 Students doing GCSE art will need to do an extra lesson every Tuesday, starting Tuesday 16 September.

Geography Coursework Club

Mr Kinder will be running the Geography Coursework Club on Mondays after school - Room G17 for first few weeks.

Ski Trip - January 09

There are just five places available now for the Ski Trip in January. Anyone interested should see Mrs Turk or Mr Couch.

Careers

All Year 11's have been given web addresses to find out more information about post16 courses.

Ms Wheeler and Ms Brooker have arranged for Reigate College and East Surrey College to come in to School and speak to students in assemblies over the next couple of weeks. Any application forms for the Colleges must be completed and handed in to School by the October half term. It is vital that students apply for more than one college for post16 education. Details of **Open Days** for colleges are available for students.

All Year 11's will be able to have an interview to discuss their choices with Connexions over the next few weeks.

Careers Club - Careers Library in the Canteen Block

The Careers Library will be open on Tuesdays after school for Years 7-9 from 3.15pm to 4.00pm

The Careers Library will be open on Thursdays after school for Years 10 & 11 from 3.15pm to 4.00pm

Connexions also offer a drop in session on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime for Years 9-11

PSA Fashion Show - this Friday, 19 September. Tickets are available on the door.

Memorial Garden - Saturday 9.00am-4.00pm

Any help greatly appreciated this Saturday. Please come with gloves.

Sponsored Walk - July 08

Any outstanding sponsor money needs to be in school asap please.