

Weekly Bulletin for Families

Message from the Head of School

As the weather improves and lockdown restrictions begin to ease, we can start to plan ahead and we are able to start thinking about the opportunities beyond the classroom that we might be able to offer soon. Yet again Mr Neale has been able to facilitate an impressive extra-curricular enrichment programme for our Trinity term. Teachers have excelled once more, embracing this time, seeing it as an opportunity to share their interests and skills with our students.

The field is a sea of activity on a Wednesday afternoon, with a variety of sporting games in full swing. We now have an additional enrichment group who are learning Capoeira.

Capoeira is a Brazilian martial art, combining elements of dance, acrobatics and music. Mrs Taverner's enthusiasm for Capoeira is clear to see.

Mr De La Tour continues to offer film review to a new group of students, this is always a popular activity. Without realising it, students are developing their literacy and critical thinking skills. Miss Coles, who joined us after Easter, has picked up the Triple Science class, supporting those students who wish to study Science to a high level. We also have a linguistic group, learning an additional language, Spanish, they plan to take this new skill to our local Primary schools leading Spanish workshops with younger children.

The range of creative activities continues to be strong, Mrs Behm is running a music technology group, Miss Messenger and Mrs Cooper-Adams art-based enrichment, Mrs Brown is leading animation and Mr Rednall has a new group of students who are using their personal vision and creative flare to upcycle items others may see as past their best.

Finally, I will end with the gardening club. A few months ago, Mr Gallagher and Mr Neale approached me asking if I was able to fund the purchase of a polytunnel. I looked at the budget and listened to their strong case as to why this would be a good addition to our school facilities and approved this order promptly. I am unsure of what exactly they both expected to be delivered but the number of 'bits' did take me by surprise. I think it is fair to say though that Mr Gallagher's confidence in erecting the polytunnel in an afternoon session did diminish somewhat!

When I look at the polytunnel now (which is very nearly finished!) I see so many more things than a polythene covered semi-circular tunnel. I see determination, resilience, patience and team work. This has been a labour of love. Students started with the ground work, they had to learn fast that their efforts that day were not going to gain much obvious reward. Step by step, session by session the polytunnel has been built. I am grateful to both Mr Gallagher and Mr Neale for giving up their own personal time to safely complete the heavy construction



Mrs H Philpott
Head of School

part of the build and thank all of those colleagues and students who have helped along the way. It is now over to Mr Woodard and the new gardening club to reap the rewards of this hard work and start to use the polytunnel to understand about conditions in which plants grow best and grow some produce.

Have a good week,

Mrs H Philpott, Head of School

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you are entitled to Free School Meals, you will be receiving vouchers to cover the May half term.

If you believe you should be entitled to Free School Meals and are not already receiving them please use the link below to make an application:

[Apply for FREE SCHOOL MEALS](#)

Invitation for Parents:

Success Beyond School

Free, expert advice on guiding your child to a successful career.

We are delighted to announce the latest in our Success Beyond School series; free-of-charge, 'Live Online' seminars designed to help parents supercharge their children's career potential.

Tuesday 11th May: Own The Room

Power up your child's public speaking skills; vital for any career

Wednesday 9th June: Success in the City

How to land a top job in the City: law, finance, consultancy and more

These events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and free to attend.

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This week, the creative department has selected several pieces of Textiles work that they feel has the “Wow factor”



Dates For Your Diary

Year 7

Friday 25 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 data entry deadline (all years)

Monday 28 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 checking week

Monday 5 July: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 8

Friday 25 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 data entry deadline (all years)

Monday 28 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 checking week

Monday 5 July: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 9

Monday 21 June: Year 9/10 “Is University for You?” Evening

Friday 25 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 data entry deadline (all years)

Monday 28 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 checking week

Monday 5 July: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 10

Monday 17 May - Friday 28 May: Mock Examinations

Monday 21 June: Year 9/10 “Is University for You?” Evening

Friday 25 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 data entry deadline (all years)

Monday 28 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 checking week

Monday 5 July: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 11

Monday 19 April - Friday 14 May: Y11 assessments

Monday 24 May: Data capture point 1. CAG – all subjects

Wednesday 26 May - Friday 28 May: School and Trust Q&A scrutiny of CAGs

Wednesday 10 June: Final data entry

Tuesday 16 June: Head of school signs off CAG grades

Wednesday 17 June: CAG grades submitted to the exam board

Parents' and Carers' Open Forum

Tuesday 4 May: 9.30 – 10.30am

Friday 25 June: 9.30 – 10.30am

Year 6 Into 7 Transition

Wednesday 16 June: Transition Evening/ Meet the Tutor (5.00 - 7.00pm)

Tuesday 29 - Wednesday 30 June: Transition Days