



# Monthly Parent Update Sheet

## January 2014/February 2014

### Revised INSET Dates - Friday 2 May & Thursday 22 May 2014

Please note that further to our published Term Dates we will now **not** be closed on Thursday 1 May 2014 for Elections. The date has now moved to **Thursday 22 May 2014** in order to be in line with European Elections. We have also moved our INSET Day that was due to take place on Friday 9 May 2014 to **Friday 2 May 2014**. A revised Term Date sheet is attached. Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

### Register Phones & Electronic Goods @ [immobilise.com](http://immobilise.com)

I am sure that many of our pupils were lucky enough to receive some lovely presents for Christmas. Please remember that all phones and electronic goods can be registered for free on [immobilise.com](http://immobilise.com). By doing this if any of the registered items are stolen and found, it would mean that the Police would be able to trace and return items to their rightful owners.

### New Mobile Phone Numbers

It is crucial that we have up-to-date contact numbers for all parents/carers. Please make sure you let us know if your mobile contact number has changed at all via contacting the School Office.

### Coming to School Prepared - Technology Lessons

It is really important that your child comes to school prepared for all their lessons. If they have a technology lesson where ingredients are required it is really important that they remember to bring them with them.

### Year 11 Prom Date Notification - Wednesday 16 July 2014

It may seem a long way off at the moment but the Year 11 Prom will be held at the Park Hall Hotel on Wednesday 16 July 2014. Pupils will only be allowed to go if they meet the criteria that was specified at the start of the year. More details about tickets, prices and times will follow shortly.

### KS4 Science Update

Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE Students will have their next Science progress check exam on the following dates:

- Year 10 Thursday 13th March 2014 (afternoon);
- Year 11 Monday 17th March 2014 (afternoon).

These exams are crucial as they generate a current working at grade (when combined with pupil coursework grades). They also identify each pupils areas of strength and weakness to allow them to review these fully prior to the linear final exams which take place in May and June. It is crucial that all pupils prepare fully for their progress check exam by using their revision guide together with online resources such as Doodle and GCSE bitesize. If you have any questions about your child's Science progress please do

not hesitate to contact their individual Science teacher or the Curriculum Leader for Science: Mrs E. Powers.

### **Year 7 Parents' Consultation - Tuesday 21 January 2014**

Just a reminder that we will be holding a Year 7 Parents' Consultation on Tuesday 21 January 2014. Please encourage your child to make as many appointments as possible so that we can keep you fully up-to-date on your child's progress and attainment.

### **Year 8 Parents' Consultation - Tuesday 28 January 2014**

Just a reminder that we will be holding a Year 8 Parents' Consultation on Tuesday 28 January 2014. Please encourage your child to make as many appointments as possible so that we can keep you fully up-to-date on your child's progress and attainment.

### **Readathon - Monday 3rd February - Friday 14th February**

During February Year 7 pupils will be invited to take part in Readathon. Readathon is a sponsored reading event which challenges pupils to read as many books as possible whilst raising money for charity. All money raised from Readathon will be donated CLIC Sargent, who are the leading UK cancer charity for children. Please support your child by encouraging them to do extra reading for the event. All money and sponsor forms will need to be handed into Mrs Rowley by Friday 14th February. Thanks for your support.

### **We Will Rock You - Tuesday 11 February 2014 to Friday 14 February 2014**

Students have been working extremely hard on our current school production of 'We Will Rock You'. The show will be running from Tuesday 11 February 2014 to Friday 14 February 2014. Tickets cost between £5.00 - £6.50 plus a 0.50p booking fee. We hope that you will come along and see the show which promises to be fantastic!

### **Half Term Holidays - Monday 17 February 2014 to Friday 21 February 2014**

We will be closed for the Half Term holidays from Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2014. Students should return to school on Monday 24 February 2014.

### **Year 11 Battlefields Trip - Wednesday 19 February 2014 to Friday 21 February 2014**

There will be a Year 11 trip to the battlefields of France and Belgium, for the Centenary of World War 1, taking place Wednesday 19 - Friday 21 February 2014. Details of itinerary and times etc. will follow to parents shortly.

### **Year 11 Parents' Consultation - Tuesday 25 February 2014**

We will be holding a Year 11 Parents' Consultation on Tuesday 25 February 2014. Please encourage your child to make appointments with all their teachers so that we are able to update you on your child's progress and attainment.