



Monthly Parent Update Sheet

June 2014/July 2014

Felt Sew Crafty

Felt Sew Crafty is back on Fridays at 3.15pm - 4.30pm. It is essential that parents/carers pop a note in planners just the once if their child is coming. Pupils **MUST** see Mrs Baker in advance to check if there are places available.

Year 9 & Year 10 Controlled Assessment Work in Science

Our current Year 9's and Year 10's (not including Triple Science students) are now working on Controlled Assessments in Science for their GCSE courses. These are actual GCSE assessments and count towards 25% of their grade. Attendance at lessons is therefore crucial in the run up to the summer break as this work will support their achievement at the end of their GCSE courses.

Calculators in Science Lessons

As with all lessons in school it is crucial that our students are fully equipped. Science lessons use numeracy skills on a regular basis therefore students are expected to have calculators with them for their Science lessons.

Year 10 GCSE English

Pupils have completed or are nearing completion of their GCSE Unit 3 Shakespeare Controlled Assessment. Following completion, they will be starting to study a Literary Heritage Text in preparation for their Unit 1 Literature exam (which is worth 50% of their overall mark.) It would be beneficial for students to purchase a copy of this novel so they can then make notes in it, to aid their revision. The text which each class is studying is outlined below:

- V1 Mr Fox - Animal Farm;
- V2 Mrs Moseley - Animal Farm;
- V3 Mrs Millership - The Hound of the Baskervilles;
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- V4 Mr Wilkes - Animal Farm;
- V5 Mrs Williams - Animal Farm;
- W1 Mrs Millership - The Hound of the Baskervilles;
- W2 Miss Shakespeare - Animal Farm;
- W3 Mrs Windmill - The Hound of the Baskervilles;
- W4 Mrs Moseley - Animal Farm;
- W5 Mr Wilkes - Animal Farm.

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Winners of Young Enterprise Black Country Final!

Young Enterprise pupils from Year 10 - Jack Brookes, Jessie Tannahill, Regan Bridgewood, Luke Langston and Fiona Stanley entered the Black Country Final of the Company Programme competition and won! They were the youngest team and were up against sixth formers including our local King Edward College in Stourbridge. Their business is based on promoting healthy eating amongst younger pupils. To start, they had a competition to design a healthy soup recipe and vegetable Soup Hero characters to be printed on to mugs. In the end there were six recipes and six characters. Their product is a printed mug with another free mug, six recipe cards and all gift wrapped - they sold this for £4.99. At the event they had to present to an audience and also set up a stall to show their products. It was a nerve racking evening which culminated in one of those 'Oscar' moments. They were marvellous ambassadors for our school and received immense praise from leaders in local business. Well done to all those involved.

Trip Reminders

The following Reward Trips are taking place in July 2014:

- **Year 7 & 8 Reward Trip** for pupils with excellent attendance, punctuality and effort is taking place on Thursday 17 July 2014 to Drayton Manor.
- **Year 9 & 10 Reward Trip** for pupils with excellent attendance, punctuality and effort is taking place on Wednesday 16 July 2014 to Alton Towers.
- **Year 11 Prom** taking place at the Park Hall Hotel, Wolverhampton on Wednesday 16 July 2014 - arrival from 6.30 onwards. Tickets are in the post.
- **Year 7 Trip to Warwick Castle, Year 8 Trip to Blists Hill Museum & Year 9 Trip to Imperial War Museum, Manchester** have all been moved from Monday 14 July 2014 to Tuesday 15 July 2014 due to rearrangement of Sports Day;
- **Paris Trip** on Monday 14 July 2014.

KS3 & KS4 Awards Evening - Thursday 26 June 2014

The 'Gold Envelope Invitations' have now gone out to selected pupils along with Parental Invite letters for our Annual Oscar Style Awards Evening. As in previous years staff agonised over their nominations as so many of our pupils deserved a place at this popular event. If you have received an invitation please return your reply slip ASAP.

Year 10 Parents' Consultation - Thursday 10 July 2014

Please note that there will be a Year 10 Parents' Consultation Meeting on Thursday 10 July 2014. Please encourage your child to make appointments with all their teachers to enable us to provide you with an update on their progress.

School Sports Day - Monday 14 July 2014 *IMPORANT

We will be holding our Annual Sports Day on Monday 14 July 2014. A letter has gone out to all parents containing full details and arrangements for the day. Please note that this event will be taking place at **The DELL Stadium in Brierley Hill**. Limited transport to and from the Stadium is available upon request. Please note that ALL pupils must attend the event in their PE Kit. Please also consider supplying your child with sun cream, a hat and a bottle of water if the weather is hot. They could also bring along a blanket to sit on. We hope this will be a really enjoyable day for all staff and pupils.

Summer Holidays Break Up - Friday 18 July 2014 *EARLY FINISH NOTIFICATIONS

We break up for the Summer Holidays on Friday 18 July 2014 at **12.35pm**. All pupils entitled to a Free School Meal will be able to collect a lunch prior to leaving school. We will return on Tuesday 2 September 2014.

Exam Results Day - Thursday 21 August 2014

GCSE Exam results are due out on Thursday 21 August 2014. Year 10/11 pupils are asked to come into school between 10.00am - 12.00pm to collect their results. If your child requires their exam results to be picked up by a parent/friend then they **must** write a signed permission letter. We are looking forward with optimism and anticipation to this important day. The Head Teacher will write to all parents informing them of the outcome early in September 2014.

September 2014 Timetable & Lunchtime Notification

From September 2014 we will be switching to a two week timetable and as a result the timings of the school day will change slightly. Pupils will still need to be in school for the same time and will leave school at exactly the same time. Lunchtime will however be at the slightly later time of 1.00pm. In light of this it is as important as ever that pupils are coming to school having had breakfast and/or having a breaktime snack available to them.

Early Finish - Friday 5 September 2014 *IMPORANT

Please note to enable important Staff Training to take place we will finish at 1.00pm on Friday 5 September 2014. All pupils entitled to a Free School Meal will be able to collect a lunch prior to leaving school.