



Monthly Parent Update Sheet

March 2015/April 2015

Activity Week Options

Activity Week options have now been confirmed and invoices have been sent out. Payments can be made either online via ParentPay or with a barcoded letter at a paypoint station. The on-line system is set up to receive payments of a maximum of £173. This is the maximum amount payable by any pupil/parent. Please refer to your child's individual invoice for the specific amount.

Year 11 - Class of 2015 Year Book

Please can payments be made in full for any pupils who have ordered copies of the Class of 2015 Year Book. It promises to be a lovely memento packed full of pictures, awards and stories. The cost of the book is £12.00. Payment must be made via ParentPay. The book will be distributed to pupils in late May 2015.

Year 11 RE Examination Workshops

A Year 11 RE Examination Workshop will be running on Wednesdays from 3.00pm - 3.45pm for both full and short course RE students. Please encourage your child to attend these valuable sessions.

SEN News

Year 9: There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to meet with the SENCO to discuss their child's needs on 25 March 2015 during the Year 9 Parent's Consultation evening. No need to make an appointment.

Year 7: There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to meet with the SENCO to discuss their child's needs on 27 or 29 April 2015. Pupils will be given an appointment letter to take home and should return the reply slip to the school office as soon as possible.

All parents of pupils with SEN are still welcome to make an appointment to see the SENCO at any time or to ring with any concerns or queries.

National Careers Week - WC 2 March 2015

The aim of this week is to raise awareness of the wealth of opportunities available to pupils post 16 and give them an idea of different career pathways open to them. As part of this week we are hoping to arrange opportunities for pupils to meet young apprentices, learn the skill of writing a CV and meet local providers. Our main event will be a Careers Fair on Friday 6 March 2015 particularly focussed towards Year 9 and 10 pupils. This will run until 5pm to enable parents to visit with their children after school.

Should you have any further queries regarding any aspect of the Careers Advice available at school please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Waldron or Mrs Evans.

KS3 Anti-Bullying Workshop - Wednesday 4 March 2015 at 6.00pm - 7.00pm

A parenting workshop is taking place on Wednesday 4 March 2015 at 6.00pm in The Mill Theatre for all parents/carers who are worried about bullying. The workshop will give some advice on how you can help as a parent, as well as information about what support is offered in school.

Year 10 Work Experience Week - 16 March 2015

All parents of pupils who have returned their work placement form will have received confirmation of their child's work experience placement once the Health and Safety check was completed. Please ensure that you sign the form once received, and return it to school as soon as possible, as without this your child will not be able to attend their placement. Your child should also make a courtesy call or visit to their placement before 16 March 2015 to find out what is expected of them. Pupils will be expected to complete a Student Log Book of their experiences which should, once completed, help provide evidence for college references next year.

Those pupils who have not secured a work placement will be expected to attend school as normal during the week. In addition, those pupils who fail to behave appropriately whilst on placement will be required to return to school immediately and will be expected to be in school for the remainder of the week.

Finally, if in the unfortunate event your child is unwell and unable to attend please ensure that both the placement and school are contacted to make both aware of the problem. Thank you for your support with this, should you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Waldron, Head of Careers or Mrs Evans, Careers Administrator.

Dormston Bitesize - Thursday 19 March 2015 *IMPORTANT - EARLY CLOSE

We will be holding our annual Dormston Bitesize event for Year 5 & 6 pupils on Thursday 19 March 2015. School will therefore be closed to pupils at 2.00pm on this day. The school will reopen from 3.00pm - 5.00pm for Year 5 & 6 pupils.

Year 9 Parents' Consultation - Wednesday 25 March 2015

There will be a Year 9 Parents' Consultation Meeting on Wednesday 25 March 2015. Please encourage your child to make appointments with all their subject teachers so that we can update you on their progress.

Prom Payments Deadline - Friday 27 March 2015

The deadline for Prom payments is Friday 27 March 2015.

Easter Holidays - Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April 2015

We break up for the Easter Holidays on Friday 27 March 2015. Pupils should return to school on Monday 13 April 2015. They will be returning to a Week 1 Timetable.

Easter Holiday RE Revision Sessions - 1 & 2 April 2015

A short course RE revision session will be taking place on Wednesday 1 April 2015 at 9.30am - 12.30pm and a full course RE revision session will be taking place on Thursday 2 April 2015 at 9.00am - 3.00pm. Both will take place in C103.

Year 9 Options Evening - Wednesday 15 April 2015

This is an opportunity for Year 9 students and their parents to find out more about the courses on offer at Key Stage 4. The evening will begin with a talk in the theatre, starting at 7.00pm, outlining the options process and the next steps to be taken by the students. Parents and students will then use the atrium and gallery as a base for a fact finding mission. All option subjects as well as compulsory subjects; English, Maths, Science, RE and PE will have a 'stand' to visit with a member of staff on hand to answer any questions. A Connexions advisor will also be available to discuss any future career plans and the implications for option choices. This is a very important evening as students will be making big choices about their future curriculum and is the last opportunity to discuss things before the 22 April 2015 deadline for the completed Option Form.

INSET Day - Friday 24 April 2015

Please note that the school will be closed for INSET Day on Friday 24 April 2015. Pupils should return to school on Monday 27 April 2015.

Early May Reminders *ADVANCED NOTICE!

Just to give you advance warning that school will be closed for May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 4 May 2015 and also on Thursday 7 May 2015 for INSET Day.