

Tuesday 13th June 2017

Summer Term 2017 – Newsletter 6

Dear Parents

Today our new Regional Principal, Matt Collins, visited both Dunstable and Northampton Campuses. As part of the Global One School development he is planning to organise a presentation for parents and the community to set out the One School Vision later this term. We are very much looking forward to working with Matt and will communicate the date of the presentation when it is confirmed.

School Exam Week (Years 7 to 10) - 26th to 30th June

End-of-year exams will take place for all pupils in Years 7 to 10 during the week beginning Monday 26th June. Subject teachers will ensure the pupils know what preparation is needed and what content will be covered. Home learning for the next two weeks will reflect this. Tutors will be covering revision techniques with the pupils as appropriate.

There is no need for the pupils to be unduly worried about the exams but please could you support by ensuring they have some time at home to carry out a revision programme. This is good habit to develop before public exams are encountered in the future.

Please note that full attendance during exam week is important as exam slots are difficult to rearrange for individual pupils, so please could I ask that absence is avoided if at all possible.

Year 8 and 9 GCSE Options - *update*

This week we will be asking the pupils in Year 8 and 9 to choose their GCSE option subject for September 2017. The change to when GCSE course start for Focus Schools nationally means that both year groups will be starting their option subject in September.

They will be asked to choose one subject from the following GCSE options:

Art and Design
Design Technology (Product Design)
PE
Food

We are in the process of producing a document with the course content and assessment process that will be sent out to parents.

Please could I ask that you find some time to discuss this at home with your child as appropriate. Tutors will also be speaking to the pupils about their choices.

Please be aware that there are restrictions on numbers in some subjects due to facilities and equipment. Pupil may also be guided towards the course that best fits their profile.

Year 11 and 13 Book and Laptop Returns - reminder

Please could pupils in Year 11 and 13 return all text books and laptops to Reception after their last exam. Year 13 laptops will be reconfigured then allocated to the Year 12 pupils in September. Year 11 laptops will be reallocated to Year 9 in September.

It is important that all laptops are returned fully working and in good condition with all the accessories – charger, case, hard wire adaptor and stylus. An appropriate charge will apply if this is not the case. Many thanks for your support with this.

One School Skills Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have accumulated enough commendations in each One School Skills category to qualify for a Silver or Gold Award:

Silver: Korrie Calder Y7, Kentley Wiltshire Y8, Lorelle Green Y8,

Gold: Brynlee Douglass Y8

These will be awarded in an assembly later in the term.



Key Stage 2 Stars for this week

Blake Magee: For all his hard work in DT

Kayla Tuffin: For showing growing confidence in discussion lessons

Calendar for the Week

June 2017	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	12 th June	13 th June	14 th June	15 th June	16 th June
			AS Maths M1 Revision Day	Year 10 Food & Nutrition Trip Good Food Show - NEC	Year 10 Geography Field Trip

Best wishes

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