

Tuesday 23rd May 2017

Summer Term 2017 – Newsletter 4

Dear Parents

Apologies for the delay in sending out the Newsletter this week. We returned following the weekend to find that the campus IT was completely out of service. It was not until 5pm yesterday that the work required to address the problem was complete. As a result there will have been a delay in receiving and replying to emails. Thank you for your understanding.

Public Exam season is now well underway and we have already had an unannounced inspection visit by the Joint Council for Qualifications to check our compliance as an exam centre. Pleasingly, we passed with flying colours – well done and thank you Mrs Hannah our excellent Exams Officer!

LAMDA lessons – Year 12 and 13 September 2017

We would like to offer public speaking lessons through the LAMDA courses and exams next year. Initially we hope to make this available as an optional extra for Year 12 and 13 pupils and are currently seeking a suitable visiting teacher who could deliver this option. It would operate in the same way that individual music lessons do with pupils having a lesson a week. This would carry an additional payment that would be paid directly to the LAMDA teacher.

In the first instance I would ask that parents of current Year 11 and 12 pupils send an email to Mrs Coleman by Monday 5th June indicating their expression of interest so we can ensure that there would be enough take-up to offer a visiting teaching.

Piano Lessons – September 2017

Parents of pupils who have individual piano lessons in school will have received an email from Mrs Howard indicating that she is unable to continue teaching at Dunstable Campus after the end of this term.

We will endeavour to identify and secure the services of a suitable replacement. If anyone has a recommendation please feel free to pass this on to me.

Year 11 and 13 Book and Laptop Returns

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

Water Bottles

With the warm weather this week, please could I remind parents to make sure their child has a water bottle with them in school if they require drinking water. The school is unable to provide spare bottles or cups to give to the pupils.

One School Skills Awards

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

Bronze: Mollie Gardner Y9,

Silver: Victoria Chattell Y9, Ebony Calder Y8, Ashlyn Chattell Y8, Nikita Newton Y8.

Gold: Lyndon Chattell Y7

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



Key Stage 2 Stars for this week

Matthew Hibbert: For demonstrating tenacity for his school life.

Shannon Magee: For demonstrating resilience to school life.

Tiana Hayman: For making an excellent contribution to the organisation and planning of a group task.

Etoile Moffitt: For being the only person to achieve 100% in this week's spelling test.

Calendar for the Week

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	22 nd May	23 rd May	24 th May	25 th May	26 th May
May 2017	Year 13 Exam Leave starts Dunstable and Northampton Primary Assessment Week	Year 7 trip to Warwick Castle Year 12 Chef Skills Practical Exam	Year 12 Chef Skills Practical Exam		

Best wishes

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