

Monday 5th June 2017

Summer Term 2017 – Newsletter 5

Dear Parents

I trust that you were able to enjoy some valuable family time over the half-term holiday and that those pupils taking public exams used the time fruitfully preparing for the challenges of the next few weeks.

Year 8 and 9 GCSE Options

Later in the 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

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.

Year 7 Trip to Warwick Castle





On the 23rd May our class arrived at Warwick Castle to enjoy a fun but informative day out. We were told to first go to the physics work shop where a lady told us about the five forces. Kenzie, Candace and Arsley did some drama to explain how the forces work. She then showed us how to make a good paper airplane, but this didn't go very well because only a few of us could actually make them hit the wall, which was our enemy.

After that, we split in our groups and had around an hour and a half to explore the castle and its grounds. This was good fun because a fair amount of us hadn't been to Warwick Castle before. You could walk up Guy's tower, but only half way because they had found a crack in the wall and it was a health and safety issue. You could also go into the maze and at the end receive a prize. At lunch time, we all went and sat on benches that were overlooking the bird show. They displayed three birds which were absolutely enormous. There was a Bald Eagle, a Stellar Sea Eagle and a Lammergeyer.

After lunch we had half an hour to go off in our groups again. We could go wherever we wanted e.g. in the King Maker and up the towers. Some of us went to see the jousting. After that we had a presentation on trebuchets. It was disappointing that the big one was broken so we couldn't see it being fired, but the lady found a small one and used that to show us where all the parts are and what they are called.

Overall, it was a very entertaining day and we learnt a lot more to put in our joint history and science SDL project. Thank you Mrs Okunrinyo and Mrs Melly for a lovely day.

by Beatrice Stedman and Iola Gardner

LAMDA lessons – Year 12 and 13 September 2017 – last call

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 a.s.a.p. indicating their expression of interest so we can ensure that there would be enough take-up to offer a visiting teacher.

Calendar Update

Please find an updated version of the calendar for this term included in this mailing.

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: Zoe Allan Y7, Kenton Douglass Y8, Fletcher Magee Y8, Lucy Rowles Y8, Melissa Magee Y10.

Gold: Alexia Fowles Y8.

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



Key Stage 2 Stars for this week

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| Tiara Fry: | For consistently demonstrating a love of learning last half term. |
| All of 3 and 4: | For how they handled assessments week. |
| Hayley Morren: | For consistent effort and hard work in all lessons. |
| Barney Kerr: | For hard work out of school to provide resources for a group presentation. |

Calendar for the Week

June 2017	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	5 th June	6 th June	7 th June	8 th June	9 th June
	A2 Maths S1 Revision Session – 12 noon to 4pm	Year 13 Chef Skills Practical Exam	National Curriculum Leader Day at Exchange Place	AS Maths M1 Revision Day	Year 13 L3 Business English Exam

Best wishes

Toby Nutt

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