



**DUNSTABLE CAMPUS**

# Newsletter 18

5<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## Head's Message

I trust that all parents have received the information from One School UK regarding the change to the school day next year. The new times and lesson structure will enable learning to take place with greater continuity incorporating the lesson, study, assignment and assessment elements of SDL within longer sessions with less interruptions. The curriculum followed by One School pupils will be the same across all campuses with an earlier finish time supporting home learning.

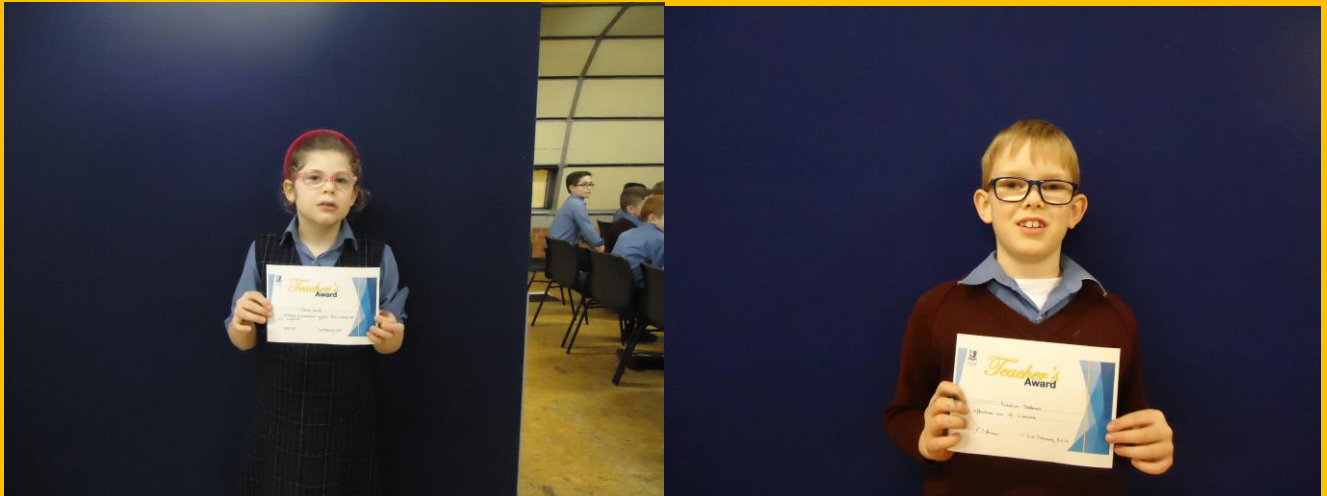
As you will also be aware this means that it will no longer be possible for music and choir to form part of the weekly curriculum delivery for Year 7 and above. This extends to peripatetic music lessons. As such we will not be able to offer the piano and guitar lessons proposed earlier this term. We will pass on the contact details of the external teacher concerned so that families can make arrangements to pursue this outside school if desired.

We will endeavour to continue to support end-of-term music performances if at all possible by looking at how choirs and groups can be supported in school in the lead up to concerts.

If you have any questions relating to this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Next week the school is closed for the spring half-term. I very much hope that pupils will be able to spend some enjoyable family time.

## KS2 Awards



Congratulations to Cherrie Smith and Brendon Stedman who won Teachers' Awards last week; Cherrie for making a tremendous effort in all her subjects and Brendon for excellent use of Canvas for his learning. Well done!



The Merit Cup for January was won by Raiders with an average of 15.4 merits per pupil. A great month Raiders!



## **100% Attendance Competition**

**The number of pupils still with  
100% attendance now stands at  
110...58% of the school**

**Our overall attendance figure for  
the school year has remained at  
96.3% this week...we are aiming  
for at least 97%!**

## **Internet Safety Week**

**This week is internet safety week. The pupils  
will be taking part in age appropriate  
activities at school to help keep them safe  
online. Here are three tips for parents to help  
them keep safe online at home:**

- 1. Only allow access to the internet via a  
device in a family area where the  
screen is visible to you**
- 2. Switch on child settings that are  
available through all internet providers**
- 3. Switch off the WiFi at night**

## **EVENTS TO KEEP IN VIEW**

**FEBRUARY/  
MARCH**

**5<sup>th</sup> February – Internet  
Safety Week**

**12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February –  
Half-term**

**21<sup>st</sup> February – Year 11  
and 13 Full Subject  
Reports to Parents**

**22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
– National OSG  
Conference – home  
study for all pupils**

**1<sup>st</sup> March – World  
Book Day – KS2 Pupils**

**5<sup>th</sup> March – Parents'  
Open Meeting at  
Northampton Campus**

**7<sup>th</sup> March – Year 7 to  
13 Parents' Day –  
school closure except  
for KS2**

# Year 8 into Year 9 – GCSE Options

for September 2018

Parents of Year 8 pupils should have received a GCSE Options Booklet and letter last week. Pupils are asked to choose one subject from each block:

## Block 1 – Humanities

Geography

History

## Block 2\* – Arts

Art and Design

DT – Product Design

Food and Nutrition

Physical Education

*\*Please note – the subjects from Block 2 will only run if there is a viable group*

Pupils will be provided with advice before the option survey is completed later this week.

## A Plea to all Parents...

**Please could you ensure that you have completed and returned an updated Registration Form for each of your children. This is required by One School UK and the deadline has already passed.**

**Please return completed forms to Mrs Tompkins...many thanks!**