

PARENT FORUM 13 01 23

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year!

Successful return to the spring term, the playground is a bit of building site due to the building of 3 custom canopies and a basketball area which means there is less space at lunch and break time at present but the builders will be finished by next Friday. Will share pictures with you shortly. Unfortunately we have not had the Sports Hall this week due to ceiling issues, will be back open again shortly.

First set of exams took place for Years 7-10 & 12 just before Christmas, the data drop took place yesterday and the reports will be sent out to parents either next week or the week after.

Thank you if you contributed to the school's charity work last term, there was a huge drive for Hackney Clothes and Foodbanks. Any further pre-loved uniform items please send to the school office and we can find a home for it.

Feast of Epiphany took place on Friday, this is the first full week of school and I led all assemblies about standards and our school values SOAR - Service Opportunity Aspiration Reward.

New extra-curricular offer is out and, on the website, we have 68 clubs running, which are free to students. Additions this term are tag rugby, social science club, table tennis, rock band, hip hop dance class, weightlifting and the MFL film club.

Coding club is very popular and has a waiting list and chess is also very popular. Some of our clubs run at lunchtime or after school, students can obtain a fast pass if attending lunchtime clubs so they can eat at breaktime.

Does the school do any particular work on misogyny and the perception of women and girls? Lots of work on gender equality and women's rights is firmly built in to our PSHE programme. The education of our young men is important.

What can I do to help my child following up on their AP1 results? Can the pass marks be given out so I know how close they were to being on track? At KS3 some subjects there are percentages but other subjects' percentages are not applicable for this. End of KS2 data – sets the likelihood of what a student will get at the end of KS4. The flightpaths the students are on are relevant to the boundary of the grades. GCSE Grade 4 is a pass mark equivalent to the previous grade C. The "Expected" pathway at the end of Year 7 confirms they are building the skills necessary to finalise their grades at the end of Year 11. It looks at what they know, what they retain and their skills set.

Year 11 meeting critical parents evening – takes place on Thursday 19th January from 4pm-5.30pm. Consolidation programme is in place for Year 11 every Saturday from 9am finishing at either 11am or 1pm depending upon course. Non-uniform allowed. This is followed up by an exam on the Monday to test their knowledge.

HOY Teams meetings will commence again this term.

Year 11 Science 3 different teachers recently. One Science teacher left us at Christmas and was replaced last week. With a HOD of Physics starting at Easter means we will be overstaffed in Science.

Are there more opportunities for years 7 & 8 practicals in Science? There is no shortage of practicals, they do need to learn theory as well. The practicals are built into the scheme of work. Options meeting coming up and my child doesn't like Science – concerned. Science doesn't form part of the Option choices - English (two GCSEs), Mathematics (1 GCSE), RE (1 GCSE) and Science (2 GCSEs) are core subjects and are compulsory. A small number may be offered tripled Science.

Thank you.



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