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Weekly Information Bulletin



Mission Statement

'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'

Prayer TERMLY THEME: LIGHT

Dear Lord,

Today I shall work extra hard to carry out good deeds for those around me so that I am able to light up another life just a little. Amen

Important Dates to Note

- Cultural Capital Day
 Thursday 19 November 2020
- Year 7 and Year 9 Assessment Week Monday 23 November 2020 to Friday 27 November 2020
- School closes for Christmas Holidays to all Pupils Wednesday 16 December 2020
- Year 7, 9 and 10 Remote Parents' Day using Teams (Appointments will be allocated to meet with teachers online) Thursday 17 December 2020 – 8.30am to 4.30pm
- School Opens to all Pupils Wednesday 6 January 2021

Covid 19 Safety Update

I am pleased to let you know that we had another successful week with high attendance from both pupils and staff. Thankyou to everyone for your vigilance and for following all the safety and hygiene measures in place.

So that Parents can safely discuss their child's progress with teachers the calendared Parents' Afternoons will be altered as follows:

- Year 10 Parents' Afternoon 3 December postponed until 17 December.
- Year 7 and Year 9 Parents Afternoon 10 December postponed until 17 December.
- Year 7, Year 9 and Year 10 Parents' meetings will now take place online using Microsoft Teams on Thursday 17 December between 8.30 am and 4.30pm. Appointments will be arranged nearer the time.

Therefore, the last day of attendance for pupils in school will be Wednesday 16 December. Pupils will return after the Christmas Holidays on Wednesday 6 January 2021.

By Miss Marston - Headteacher

Balancing screen time How are children using screens?

Smartphones are central to a teen's daily routine, if not integral to it. Whether it's sending something on Snapchat to keep a streak going as soon as they wake up, getting up to speed on news on Twitter or live streaming thoughts about their day on social media, it can be hard to keep teens away from screens.

To support our children, it's more about equipping them with the tools to self-regulate their own screen time and be critical about how it is impacting their well-being.

Benefits are: screen use provides a range of opportunities for creativity and learning, gives pupils access to a wealth of information, however, the challenges are: peer pressure to stay online, constant use of devices, increases in interactions online and long period of watching monotonous videos online.

Parents: please speak regularly with your children to ensure screen use is a benefit not a challenge!

(From internetmatters.org)

By Mrs Crooks - Assistant Principal (Personal Development, Safety, Behaviour & Attitudes - DSL & SPOC)

Remote learning Masterclass Timetable Timings: After school Live Masterclass 3:00pm to 3:40pm Evening Microsoft Teams Masterclass 5:00pm to 5:40pm Saturday Masterclass 11:00am to 11:40am PLEASE NOTE - All masterclasses will be taking place on Microsoft Teams



Friday 27 November 2020

Wednesday 16 December 2020



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Join us at a free online information session:

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