

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have started to see some real momentum develop from the Year 11 cohort in the last two weeks. The pupils have received some of their mock results and have used the feedback they have been given, to really 'focus in' on how they can improve for the summer exams. More and more of the cohort are now staying behind after school and taking advantage of the opportunities provided for them by their class teachers. Thank you to the parents who have been cajoling and encouraging their children to make the most of the time left before exams start, which is in approximately nine school weeks. We are now running Saturday morning sessions for pupils to come into school and undertake personal revision or receive specialist support in the core subjects. If your child would like to take up this opportunity, could they please contact Mrs Webster during the school week and she can provide them with further details.

Really pleasing also, has been the increase in attendance we have seen across all of the groups in the last three weeks. It has been very encouraging to see attendance rise again towards 96%, which is exactly where it should be. We certainly need this to continue right through until the end of the summer. Punctuality for a small group of pupils is still a concern and we have a number of 'repeat offenders' who fail to make it on time for School each day. Could I please ask you for your support in ensuring your child is in for the first bell every day at 8:35 am? Punctuality is a vital quality required in life, yet unfortunately, a number of our pupils do not value its full importance, despite our reminders on the school gate or the detention sanctions we impose on those who are tardy.

Bugsy

This week is a really important week in the School calendar. The annual school production takes place at the Waterside Theatre in Sale on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. We have a cast of over 70 pupils and staff who have been working extremely hard over the past year in rehearsals and preparation for production. We wish all involved with 'Bugsy' the very best of luck for this week. It is really encouraging that we have sold a large number of tickets for the theatre on all three nights; thank you very much for your support. However, if you would still like to attend I do believe there are some tickets available and you can access these through the Waterside Theatre's website (<http://watersideartscentre.co.uk/whats-on/1991-bugsy-malone/>), by calling 0161 912 5616. We look forward to seeing many of you there.



Sixth Form Fundraising Week

This week the Sixth Form has launched their annual fundraising event. Every year the Sixth Form Fundraising Team select a charity to support. Their aim is increase awareness across the School of their chosen charity and raise much-needed funds. This year, they have selected to support two charities, The Alex Hulme Foundation and The Alzheimer's Society. Molly, Head of Fundraising will be talking to each year group at their assemblies this week to explain how everyone can get involved and help the team raise as much as possible. Molly will be asking everyone in the school; students, staff and parents to get involved and support the events they have planned for next week. The team have set themselves a target of £6000 and with everyone's help, we hope they are able to achieve it. If you would like to support the fundraising team, they are collecting

gifts, vouchers, chocolates etc for their raffle. Please contact Mrs Fox, Sixth Form Manager who will be happy to help.

Phones in School

Could I please remind parents that if a child uses a phone in school the phone will be taken off them and placed in the school safe. Parents are then allowed to collect the phone from 4.00pm the following Friday. Far too much time is wasted in school with what is a very clear policy. Please can I ask for your full support in this matter. Phones will not be returned to pupils / parents any earlier than Friday 4pm in any circumstances.

Combined Science Revision Guides

Copies of the Combined Science revision guide, work book and answer book by CGP have been made available to buy via ParentPay for pupils in Year 9 and 10. Copies can also be purchased from a variety of high street bookshops and online retailers. Please note, we are following the Edexcel syllabus, therefore any guides bought should be suitable for this exam board. The books will be taken off Parent Pay on Friday 24th March.



GCSE Art Exam

The Year 11 GCSE Art & Design Exam will take place on Thursday 16 March P1-P4 and Thursday 23 March P1-P4 in Room 35. The pupils have been preparing for this exam and we look forward to them producing some skilful and innovative work. Good Luck to all pupils involved.

English Revision Guides

Copies of the Macbeth play and Macbeth text guide by CGP have been made available to buy via Parent Pay for pupils in Year 9 and 10. Year 9 pupils will begin to study the play after the Easter holidays and it marks the start of their study towards GCSE English Literature. Year 10 pupils will be revisiting the play (they studied it in Year 9) as they prepare for their mock exams. Copies of the play and text guide can also be purchased from a variety of high street bookshops and online retailers. Please note that we are following the AQA syllabus so any texts bought should be suitable for this exam board. The books will be taken off Parent Pay on Friday 24th March. Books that have been ordered must be collected from Mrs Dunleavey, Room 50 with proof of purchase.

Additional English Revision Session

To provide further support for pupils in Year 11 for their GCSE English Language and Literature studies there is an additional revision session being held each Friday in room 50 with Mrs Dunleavey, starting at 8:05am until 8:30am. This session will run all of this half term and we would value your support in encouraging your child to attend.

Twitter



The school website is our main channel for communicating with parents in addition to letters, text messages and emails. We also use Twitter; please follow us @thedeansttrust (Trust) and @DT_AoMschool (School) for up to the minute news and information.



Additional Dates for your diary – As you can see we have a some really busy weeks ahead and further many opportunities to welcome parents into school. We look forward to seeing you at the following events.

Progress Evening Dates

- 23rd March – Year 8 Progress Evening
- 30th March – Year 7 Progress Evening

Additional Dates

- 14-16th March – School Production 'Bugsy Malone'
- 17th – 20th March – Krakow Trip
- 17th & 18th March – Trampolining Competition
- 21st March – New York Trip Parents Meeting 6-7pm Hall 1
- 27th March – Catalonia Trip Parents Meeting 6-7pm Hall 1
- 30th March – School Closes for pupils
- Tuesday 18th April – School opens for all pupils at 8.30am

We do hope you find the weekly letter informative. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact reception and we will endeavour to deal with them promptly.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Moloney
Headteacher