

# Parent Bulletin



## 6th - 10th June 2022

### Week 1

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### Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
W/C 6th June	Year 7 Examinations
Tuesday 14th June	Whole school PSHE Day
Friday 17th June	Parent Forum 8-9am
Friday 24th June	Year 11 Prom
W/C 27th June	Year 10 and Year 12 Examinations

### Driving students to school

Despite regular reminders, we continue to receive regular complaints from local residents about disrespectful parking in the local area at the start and end of the school day.

Please can I remind parents/carers that we are incredibly grateful to our neighbours for their continued support of the school. Please can we repay this support by being respectful to them and their property. This includes not parking ON or ACROSS their driveways, sitting on their walls or dropping litter in the local area.

### Invitation to Attend Virtual Parent Forum - Friday 17th June 8.00am

Our Parent Forum events give parents and carers the opportunity to meet with staff and share their views on the school and how we can improve in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. At this meeting, we would like to invite you to join us for an update on the recent Ofsted inspection and we will also endeavour to answer any questions that you may have.

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If you would like to attend, please click on the link below to complete the form so that we have details of your email address and any questions you would like answered at this forum by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Please note that only questions submitted in advance will be answered due to time limitations.

<https://forms.gle/DbwPHnNXUP29mZky5>

As this event will be held virtually, the joining details will be emailed to you, using the email address provided when you confirmed attendance by completing the form. You will also need to have access to a computer device with a video camera, speaker and microphone. Please be aware that the maximum number of people for this event is 20 and that this meeting is for parents only.

We look forward to seeing you on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

## **Lunchtime Arrangements**

In our continuing endeavour to return to pre-covid ways of working, students will all go outside from the start of their break and lunch time (weather permitting) and not be required to be in bag rooms. At break time they can consume food in the canteen/ante hall. At lunch time students will remain on a rota in order to maintain the safe movement of students through the canteen. Students will not be allowed to eat outside. Review tutors will have shared this information and what to do in the event of bad weather with their review group, if students have questions they can approach their review tutor.

## **Year 11 Prom Final Reminder**

If your daughter is attending prom on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022, could you please make your final payments by no later than tomorrow, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022. I will not be able to extend the deadline any further due to commitments and deadlines for the prom.

If you are struggling to make payments via parentmail, please contact finance to make payments over the phone.

Unfortunately, if you have not paid in full your daughter will not be able to attend prom.

Thank you so much for making this happen for the Year 11s, it is well deserved.

## **Year 7 End of Year Examinations**

Please find shared the timetable for the year 7 end of year examinations which will take place during the week beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Information and guidance has previously been shared with all students via their school email.

Students have been reminded to carry stationery in a clear pencil case/plastic bag and avoid having any additional material on their desks during the examinations. They have also been made aware that they should have no writing on their arms/hands, including henna.

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When examinations are taking place in the sports hall, students are allowed to wear trainers to school for that day only.

[Year 7 end of year examination timetable Monday 6th June.docx.pdf](#)

## **Numeracy Support for all the Family**

Having a good grasp of numbers is vital for everyday life. From managing personal finances to DIY, cooking, or helping children with their homework. People with good numeracy skills are also more likely to be in employment, have higher wages, and better wellbeing.

Adults are being encouraged to take a new online quiz designed to get them thinking about their maths skills as part of the government's commitment to help more people get a good job and grow the economy to tackle the cost of living.

Launched to mark National Numeracy Day, the short quiz asks 6 questions of varying difficulty to get adults to think about whether they need help and signposts to where people can access support to improve maths and numeracy skills, including fully funded maths courses up to GCSE level and equivalent.

You can access more information and take the quiz here: <https://www.riddle.com/view/373677>

## **Children's Commissioner for Schools Launches Interactive Maths Quiz**

On National Numeracy Day 2022, Wednesday 18 May, the Children's Commissioner for England launched 'Where can I go with maths?', an interactive quiz for children featuring over 50 career profiles of role models using maths or maths skills in their work.

It has been developed to show connections and transferable skills between the KS3 maths curriculum, careers, and everyday life.

You can access the quiz here:

[https://childrenscomm.shinyapps.io/WhereICanGoWithMaths/?utm\\_source=19%20May%202022%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://childrenscomm.shinyapps.io/WhereICanGoWithMaths/?utm_source=19%20May%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

## **Careers**

Thursday 26th May is national 'Thank a Teacher Day'! Teaching is a really rewarding career choice, where every day is different - and offers some great incentives (such as the summer holidays!). You could choose to work with younger students, or even lecture at University level. Teaching is a way of sharing your love of a subject with others - so if your child is passionate about PE or Science for example, why not consider teaching as a career choice?

Have a look at this website for more information: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>

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## **Year 11 Careers**

Year 11 students have been emailed a form to fill in regarding post-16 choices. Please ensure that this is completed as soon as possible.

## **PSHE Day**

The next PSHE day takes place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Year 7 will be completing sessions on healthy eating, stress and resilience, fraud and a careers session on finance and budgeting. The final session will be a performance and presentation from the artist Lex Gibbon who will discuss mental health and body image. Lex was the first plus size teenager to walk the catwalk in London, New York and Paris fashion weeks. Through her music, she wants to help and inspire others to believe they can achieve anything.

Year 8 will be completing sessions on creative careers, first aid, fraud and British values. The final session will be a performance from the artist Lex Gibbon, as detailed above. Students will be expected to attend the day in their PE kits.

Year 9 will take part in sessions on sign language, money personalities, perceptions and expectations in romantic relationships and a session on handling anger effectively. An external visitor will deliver the final session and students will get the opportunity to have some fun and 'be hoopy'. This is an active session and students will be expected to attend the day in their PE kits.

Year 10 have multiple sessions delivered by volunteers from the community. The first is a session on teenage relationships delivered by a volunteer from Soroptomist International. There will also be a session on anti-radicalisation delivered by a spokesperson from West Midlands Police and a workshop on mental health from the charity Headucate.

In school, students will also complete sessions on pregnancy choices and a careers session on different careers available throughout the world.

If, for any reason, any of our visitors are unable to attend on the day then students will be completing alternate sessions on family life.

Year 12 will complete sessions on alternative careers in the medical sector, fraud, yoga and taking a gap year. The final session is titled 'Pleasure', and will be delivered by an external visitor who specialises in Sex and Relationships Education.

Please get in touch if you would like further information on any of the sessions.

## **Supporting a School in Botswana**

We are supporting a school in Botswana (The Dow School) to create a school library and we have donated textbooks from different departments. The school in Botswana is also hoping to build up a library of fiction books for their pupils. Any donations would be very gratefully received. There will be a box in reception after half term for any donations, and they are being collected on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June after school. Please email Miss Gager for any further information.

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## **Sixth Form CEIAG: Post 18 Preparation Events in the Summer Term**

As part of our Post 18 preparation programme, a series of events will be taking place in the summer term for Year 12 students.

Tuesday 7th June - Lunchtime Speaker Session: Oxbridge Explained, Keble College, Oxford

Wednesday 15th June - Lunchtime Speaker Session: Universitas 71

Thursday 16th June - Post 18 Preparation Day (see details below)

Monday 20th June - Birmingham Higher Education Exhibition, NEC

Wednesday 29th June - Lunchtime Speaker Session: West Midlands Police: Careers in the Police

On the Post 18 Preparation Day, students will take part in a series of workshops designed to help them with their university and apprenticeship applications. In the afternoon students will attend a mini careers fair where they will meet representatives from local universities, apprenticeship providers and employers.

Further information about the Birmingham Higher Education Exhibition will be sent out via Parentmail.

## **Exam pressure**

Video 5 -

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAxWo0dGi2g&list=PLkocNW0BSuEGfPlfEa\\_CBJQ\\_mngOQkVAL&index=5](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAxWo0dGi2g&list=PLkocNW0BSuEGfPlfEa_CBJQ_mngOQkVAL&index=5)

## **Library Passes**

When we return after the half term holiday students will now need to have a pass to use the library at break time. Passes need to be collected from Mrs Ashford in the library before registration on the day that it is required.

The library is open every day to Years 7-11 at breaktime.

The procedure for lunchtime library passes remains the same:

Lunchtime passes are available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for Years 7-11. Students wishing to use the library at lunchtime need to come to the library before registration to collect a pass from Mrs Ashford. Students can have up to two lunchtime passes per week.

Students will not be able to have a pass for break time and lunch on the same day.

## **Holocaust Educational Trust Book Club Recommendations**

### **Maus – Art Spiegelman**

Maus tells the story of Vladek Spiegelman, a Jewish survivor of Hitler's Europe, and his son, a

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cartoonist coming to terms with his father's story. Approaching the unspeakable through the diminutive (the Nazis are cats, the Jews mice), Vladék's harrowing story of survival is woven into the author's account of his tortured relationship with his aging father.

Against the backdrop of guilt brought by survival, they stage a normal life of small arguments and unhappy visits, studying the bloody pawprints of history and tracking its meaning for those who come next.