6th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 have sat their final mock exams this week in English, Maths and Science and their behaviour and mature approach to them have been exemplary, emphasising a true desire to achieve the very best they can when the public examinations commence after the Easter break. Details of a Geography revision conference being presented in school are at the bottom of this letter.

We have done a lot of work this year with MIND and this week saw two events in school. Firstly we had a mental health first aid training event for 4 of our own staff plus colleagues from a number of our associated primary schools. Secondly we had a cohort of 24 students take part in Wellbeing Ambassador Training. This group of students, along with the mental health champion, will be organising activities to promote mental health around school during the rest of the year.

Thursday was World book day and the English Faculty hosted various events throughout the week which students and staff have participated in. There was a Starbooks event, bookmark making, selfies and a year 7 Book Quest in which students could win Love2Shop vouchers. All students have been given a £1 book token to use to buy a book. As part of Year 11’s revision programme, students watched a viewing of Macbeth by the Royal Shakespeare Company on Thursday morning.

A reminder of the forthcoming Easter Club organised by Mr Haydock during the Easter Holidays, from Monday 6th April to Thursday 9th April. The cost is £65 and students will have a fun-packed week full of activities and trips. Further details are on the website, under Calendar and Events, and are also attached to this letter.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that school will finish at the normal time of 3.10pm on April 3rd for the Easter Holidays and that the May Bank Holiday has been moved in honour of the 75th anniversary of VE Day from Monday 4th to Friday 8th May.

With best wishes.

Andrew Waller

Headteacher

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Upcoming events

Year 7 Billionaire Boy trip on 12th March

Year 8 Options Appointments, Thursday March 12th

Geography Conferences:

19th March: Key specification content, including:

* Global atmospheric circulation and hurricanes: causes and impacts
* The causes and management of tectonic hazards
* Understanding the difference between tropical and taiga forests, and the demands humans place on them
* Developing, emerging and developed countries – their economies, cities and urbanisation: what are the differences and why do they matter?
* Dynamic UK cities: why are some thriving and others just surviving?
* What’s it like living with the risk of flooding or erosion?

25th March: Key exam skills, including:

* Interpreting data stimulus resources, using evidence, and answering shorter questions
* Responding to longer questions with 6, 8 and 12 mark tariffs including the command words ‘assess’ and ‘evaluate’
* Decision making skills for Paper 3