

12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Newsletter No. 5**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you and your families had a restful half term.

Year 11 are right in the middle of their PPEs (pre-public examination – mocks) and I have to say that I have been very impressed with their positive attitude during the last week. Well done and keep going.

Can I draw your attention to the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Mornings which are advertised on our website? If you have a family member or friend at another school who may be interested, then please do book a morning session. This is for external students only. For our internal students we are planning an event on the Enrichment Day in December and more details will follow shortly.

We are closely monitoring Covid rates in school and the local area. We are still observing risk assessment priorities which means:

- (i) Classrooms will continue to be ventilated. As the weather turns colder, the classroom teacher will use their professional judgement to decide whether pupils can wear a coat.
- (ii) Pupils should still hand sanitise regularly.
- (iii) All pupils should continue to carry out twice weekly LFT and record their results.

We had the Covid vaccination and flu nasal sprays last Friday. The day was very well organised by both our staff and NHS staff. A small number of Year 7s were unfortunately unable to receive their vaccinations and they will be contacted directly by NHS on what the next steps are.

As previously stated in earlier newsletters, pupils should not wear “hooded” tops to school. After one warning they will be confiscated and given back at the end of term. If your son has a haircut, please can I ask that the back and sides are kept to a grade 2 and not lower please. Thank you for your support.

I am delighted that 13 of our Year 13 students are applying for a place at either Oxford or Cambridge. This week, a number of them are having practice interviews with former students and I wish them the very best of luck with their applications in what is an incredibly competitive sector.

We organised a virtual Remembrance service on Thursday of this week and I am grateful to Miss Ryan and the Senior Prefects for organising this.

A brief update on our capital project. The installation of the windows in the Tower Block is progressing well and we are hopeful that they will be finished by the end of term. There will be some repairs and decorations that should see this project being finished by the end of January.

The replacement of our boiler and central heating system has started. This is a major project with a completion date of April. During the winter months, our heating will be secured by a temporary boiler that is already on site. As previously explained, all these works are much needed and will greatly improve the appearance of the school as well as saving on heating bills.

The school is currently working on new plans for our next capital project. We are looking at creating a new block to incorporate Music, Drama and a 6<sup>th</sup> Form centre. This will replace what are termed "temporary buildings" where Drama, Music and the currently derelict MAT&LAN buildings are. This is an ambitious project and there are no guarantees that we will be successful first time. However, it is really important that we have plans to develop what I would term the least satisfactory part of the school in terms of the quality of the building. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

We held another successful enrichment day on Thursday with a wide range of activities taking place across the school.

The Year 9 Inter-house sports results are:

- Fisher- 1st
- Wilberforce- 2nd
- Hazlitt- 3rd
- Broughton- 4th
- Sadler- 5<sup>th</sup>

Other sport results include:

- Year 7 English Schools Cup OPGS 9 -1 Streatham High School
- Year 7 English Schools Cup Dover GS 2 -2 OPGS (4-5 Pens)
- Year 9 Football Team lost to Hurstmere School in the ESFA Cup.
- Year 10 Football Isle of Sheppey Academy 0 -1 OPGS.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Football OPGS 3-2 Beech Grove Academy.
- Year 7 Rugby team lost to Chatham & Clarendon School.

Yours sincerely,



K.W. Moody  
Headteacher

### **Upcoming Dates**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Sixth Form Open Morning 8.50 – 10.50am.  
Year 12 Faculty activity - LRC 1.50-2.25pm – in forms  
Year 8 Football v Aylesford - Away, 1.30pm depart (SPS/RDE)  
Year 8 Rugby v Sir Roger Manwood Away, 1.30pm depart (MKJ)

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Sixth Form Open Morning 8.50 – 10.50am.  
Year 13 Faculty activity - 1.50-2.25pm in forms.  
1st XI Football v Cleeve Park School - Away, 1.10pm depart (SPS)  
2nd XI Football v MGS - Away, 2.00pm KO, 1.10pm depart (RDE)

	1st XV Rugby v Sir Roger Manwood - Away, 1.10pm depart (MKJ, MHD)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 12 Faculty activity - 1.50-2.25pm in forms. Virtual Year 10 Parents Evening 4-7pm. Year 8B Football v Shoreham - Home, 2.00pm KO (SPS) Year 9 Rugby v Sir Roger Manwood - Home, 3.00pm KO (MKJ)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 10 Rugby v Sir Roger Manwood - Away, 3.00pm KO, 1.10pm depart (RMR)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Sixth Form Open Morning 8.50 – 10.50am. Year 12 Faculty activity - 1.50-2.25pm – in forms.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Sixth Form Open Morning 8.50 – 10.50am. Year 13 Faculty activity - 1.50-2.25pm – in forms.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 Monitoring issued.
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 12 assessments (to 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Virtual Year 11 Parents Evening 4-7pm.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 7 monitoring issued.

# Open Sixth Mornings Form

*"An exceptional learning experience"*

Tuesday 16th November 8:50 - 10:50  
 Wednesday 17th November 8:50 - 10:50  
 Tuesday 23rd November 8:50 - 10:50 *by appointment only*  
 Wednesday 24th November 8:50 - 10:50  
 Wednesday 5th January 8:50 - 10:50  
 Thursday 6th January 8:50 - 10:50

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