

21st January 2022

Newsletter No. 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am cautiously optimistic that we are moving into a period of lessening restrictions on Covid-19. Let's hope we hear confirmation of this from the Government soon. Thank you for your continued support. The pupils have been excellent in their co-operation and support for wearing face coverings and carrying out regular Lateral Flow Tests.

Well done to Year 13 who have just completed their PPEs (mock exams). I think it is important to stress for all Year 13 and Year 11 that it is now highly likely that exams will go ahead in the summer, and we must be as fully prepared as possible. For Year 11 pupils, please access GCSEPod if you have not done so already as it has lots of excellent resources for revision:

GCSEPod

To support Year 11 students in their revision in the run up to their summer examinations, we have purchased a subscription to GCSEPod. This is a website and application designed to support students and provides hundreds of visual clips, or pods, on the topics and content we cover in school. It also has assessment tools so students can assess themselves and see their own progress. We have seen some good usage of the GCSEPod resource to date and would like your support in ensuring students continue to access the platform as part of their revision programme. All students have been resent their log on details and a video detailing how to get the best from the website. We are looking forward to introducing Year 10 students to GCSEPod soon.

We have had a couple of 6th Form Open Mornings this week for external students and thank you to our excellent Year 12 pupils who helped with the event.

I am pleased to say that we are now very close to finishing the installation of the windows in the Tower Block. This has been a truncated project because of Covid and supply problems but I am confident that it will substantially improve the appearance of the school and of course improve our heating bills. This means that since 2015 the school has been able to invest around £6million in the school estate and we continue to apply for capital funding to keep a programme of refurbishment going.

I am also grateful to the Parents Association who have raised £2,455 for the Parentkind Big PTA Raffle. They have also gained an additional dozen new members through Easyfundraising. The Parents Association would like to thank parents for all their help and support with fundraising.

Results of the sports events this week include:

- U12 ESFA Vs Hurstmere 0-0 (3-0) win on penalties (Into the last 32 in the country).
- U12 Kent Cup QTR Final Vs St Gregory's 2-1 win.
- 1st XI Football are through to the Kent Cup ¼ Finals with a 7-6 penalty win vs QES.

Yours sincerely,



K.W. Moody
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Mon 24 th January	Years 7 & 8 Indoor Pre-Season Cricket Coaching - 3.00-4.30pm.
Tue 25 th January	Year 12 Faculty activity - 1.50-2.25pm – LCR/IT rooms. Year 8 Assembly 2pm – virtual. Year 8 Rugby v Herne Bay High School – Home 4.00pm KO (MKJ). Year 7 Rugby v Dover GS – Away 2.30pm, depart 1.00pm (RMR). Year 7 Maidstone Schools’ football tournament – VIATT 2.15pm (RDE). Years 9-13 Indoor Pre-Season Cricket Coaching - 3.30-5.00pm.
Wed 26 th January	Year 12 Medics visit – Invicta 2pm (MKT). U16 Individual Kent Schools Table Tennis Championships’ - Howard School, 9.00am, depart 8.30am (RMR). 1st XI Football v Dane Court GS - Away, 2.15pm KO, depart 12.20pm. Year 7 Maidstone Schools’ football tournament – VIATT 2.15pm (RDE).
Thu 27 th January	Year 12 Faculty activity - 1.50-2.25pm – LRC/IT rooms. Year 11 Assembly 2pm – virtual. Year 9 Rugby v Dover GS - Home, 2.30pm KO (MKJ).
Fri 28 th January	Year 8 Monitoring issued. Year 12 Physics Olympiad – Period 5 - Room 43 (GKE). Year 13 briefing 1.50pm – virtual. Year 10 Rugby v Simon Langton GS - Home, 3.45pm KO (RMR).
Tue 1 st February	Year 9 Assembly 2pm – virtual. Year 12 Faculty activity 1.50-2.25pm – LRC/IT rooms.
Wed 2 nd February	Year 7-13 COVID Vaccinations – Gym. Arkwright Scholarship exam - 1.30pm, Room 32 (SEP). Year 8 Parents’ Evening 4-7pm – virtual (C, P & S8).
Thu 3 rd February	Intermediate Maths Challenge 120 students p1 – Hall (PON). Year 11 Physics Olympiad - Period 3 Room 47 (GKE). Year 10 Assembly 2pm – virtual. Year 12 Faculty activity 1.50-2.25pm – LRC/IT rooms. Year 8 Parents’ Evening 4-7pm – virtual (T & X8).
Fri 4 th February	Year 11 DT IAG - LRC 2pm. Year 13 briefing 1.50pm – virtual. Year 13 Monitoring issued.

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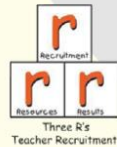
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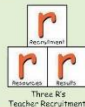


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