

24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## **Newsletter No. 2**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really positive start to the term. I particularly enjoyed the Enrichment Day on Tuesday. It was great to see Year 10 going out on a trip to Howlett's Zoo, Year 8 had a House Sports Day, Year 7 were tackling Languages and Computing, Year 9 were studying Dystopian fiction, Year 11 had a study day on developing reasoning skills and Year 12 and 13 had volunteering and UCAS sessions. A reminder that Year 12 students will need to arrange a volunteering placement and confirm the details with Miss Biddle.

We are awaiting details from the NHS on the Covid vaccination programme for 12-15 year old pupils. It is important that all parents realise that this vaccination programme will be delivered by clinical professionals, external to the school, who owe the duty of care to the young people to whom they are administering the vaccine. The role of schools is limited to working with health professionals to facilitate the programme and therefore any issues with the programme cannot be attributed in any way to the school or its leaders.

If you would like some information on the vaccination programme, please click on the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people>

I have enjoyed watching the 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby team make an excellent start to the season, winning their first two games. They have the second round of the Daily Mail Cup next week against Sutton Valence and I wish them luck.

## **Year 13 Parents Evening**

The booking for the upcoming Year 13 Parents Evening is now open. The booking will take place via School Cloud. To access the website please visit <https://opgs.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and enter your details. The evening itself is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 16:00 – 19:00pm. Please be advised that we will take a decision closer to the event regarding whether the event will remain in school, as it is now, or whether to switch to an online event. Our priority as always is to ensure the safety of the OPGS community.

## **Examination Invigilators**

We are looking to recruit more individuals to join our experienced and dedicated team of Exam Invigilators. Invigilators are employed on a casual basis to aid the organisation and supervision of both internal and external examinations. If you are interested in this opportunity, please visit the vacancies section of the school website to find out more.

## **Parents Association**

The Parents Association of OPGS do fantastic work to support in the raising of funds and also run a pre-loved uniform group. If you are interested in the Parents Association you can find information here: <http://opgspace.org.uk/> From time to time, they would also like to issue

marketing and information to parents and carers. This contact would come through the main school rather than a separate email. If you would like to opt out of receiving information from the OPGSPA please email [SCraig@opgs.org](mailto:SCraig@opgs.org) to confirm your opting out.

Yours sincerely,



K.W. Moody  
Headteacher

### **Upcoming Dates**

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	House assembly – Broughton & Fisher - Hall 2pm. Year 12 Faculty activity - LRC 1.50-2.25pm. Under 13 B football ESFA cup v St Gregory's - Home (SPS).
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 13 Faculty activity - LRC 1.50-2.25pm 1st XV v Sutton Valence - Home NatWest Cup – 2.30pm (MKJ) 1st XI v Harvey GS – Home 2.00pm (SPS) 2nd XI v Norton Knatchbull – Home 2.00pm (RDE)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 13 Drama Component 3 workshop (SPB) Year 13 Oxford Uni Q & A 1.50pm – Room 15 (AHN) House assembly – Hazlitt & Sadler - Hall 2pm Year 12 Faculty activity - LRC 1.50-2.25pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 11 Sociology IAG - LRC 2pm House assembly - Wilberforce - Hall 2pm Year 13 Monitoring issued
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 10 assembly 2pm - Hall (AHN & sixth form students) Year 12 Faculty activity - LRC 1.50-2.25pm A Level Sociology exam 2pm - Library Year 13 Parents Evening 4-7pm.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Enrichment Day A Level Pure Maths exam 2pm – Library
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 11 assembly 2pm - Hall Year 12 Faculty activity - LRC 1.50-2.25pm Art - collection of last year's GCSE and A Level Art coursework 3.30-5.30pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 13 briefing 2pm - Hall (AHN) A Level Physics exam 9-1.15am – Library



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# 11+ Mornings 2021

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Tuesday 12th October  
Wednesday 13th October  
Friday 15th October  
Tuesday 19th October  
Wednesday 20th October

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