

11th March 2022

Newsletter No. 12

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy fortnight. It is good to see year assemblies happen again with pupils being reminded of our expectations for learning and correct uniform.

Year 11 have been busy completing their mini PPE exams and they have also started their programme for "Walking Talking Mocks". This is where subject teachers talk through with the pupils how to tackle an exam paper. So far, we have had History and Biology and I have been impressed with the concentration and focus of our pupils.

We also have a number of activities linked to careers and university applications for Year 12 and 13. This Friday sees all of Year 12 and some of Year 13 attend the Apprenticeship Fair at Mote Park and on the same day a number of Year 12 pupils are receiving a talk on applying to Oxford University.

For Year 9, a reminder that all the Year 9 options information is available on the school website with a number of virtual presentations to support pupils and parents.

It was nice to see pupils celebrating World Book Day last week and a number of staff dressed up as their favourite book characters!

Many congratulations to Ethan Bridgland and Fabian Crowe who have been chosen to interview for the prestigious Arkwright Scholarship Award.

Finally, I am delighted to congratulate our Year 12 Debating Team who have won the prestigious Debating Matters Competition for 2022. This involved debating online against schools from countries as far afield as India.

Yours sincerely,



K.W. Moody
Headteacher

Sports Results:

In sport, the Senior Rugby team entered the Kent 7s tournament on Wednesday 9th March.

The team placed fourth after playing the following matches:

St Dunstan's – lost 21-15

Eltham College – won 28-19

Duke of York's – lost 29-22

Dartford GS – lost 17-10

U18 Basketball vs. MGS- 17-5 loss and 26-15 win vs. St Augustine's Academy.

U12 District Football vs. School of Science & Technology- 3-1 win. The team now progress to the Maidstone Schools District Final.

The Year 7 Football Team won their Maidstone Cup semi Final Vs STEM school 1-3 (Away). They will play in the final in May at the Gallagher Stadium.

Year 10 District Football Semi-Final match vs. Aylesford- 1-0 win. Well done to the team who now progress to the District Final in term 5.

Year 7B Football ESFA Cup Quarter Final match vs. Dr Challoner's GS- 1-0 loss. Well done to the boys and Mr Devonald who progressed further in the ESFA Cup than any other B team in OPGS history.

Diary Dates

Mon 14 th March	Year 9 Parents' Evening 4-7pm. S, T & X (virtual). Years 7&8 Cricket Training - St Augustine's Academy, 3.00-4.30pm. Year 11 GCSE PE Handball Tournament - Maplesden Noakes School.
Tues 15 th March	Year 10 Careers Assembly - Hall 2pm. Year 9 Parents Evening 4-7pm. C & P (virtual). Years 9-13 Cricket Training - St Augustine's Academy, 3.30-5.00pm.
Wed 16 th March	Year 11 French & Spanish Walking Talking PPE. Year 7A Football v Cornwallis Academy - Away, 2.45pm KO. Senior Basketball Tournament - Away @ St Augustine's Academy, 2.00pm. 1st XV Rugby v Simonton Langton GS - Home, 2.30pm.
Thur 17 th March	Year 7 & 8 Careers Assembly - Hall 2pm. Year 10 Rugby v Dover GS - Home, 2.30pm KO (RMR). Year 9 Football v MGS - Away, 3.00pm KO (SPS).
Fri 18 th March	Year 11 monitoring issued
Sat 19 th March	Year 7A Football Kent Cup Final v Norton Knatchbull GS @ Maidstone Utd FC (Gallagher Stadium)- 6.45pm KO.
Tues 22 nd March	Year 11 Parents' Evening – virtual.
Wed 23 rd March	Year 11 Chemistry Walking Talking PPE – Hall.
Fri 25 th March	Year 7 monitoring issued.