

25th February 2022

Newsletter No. 11

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families had a pleasant half-term.

This is an important term. Year 13 will have had detailed feedback on their PPE's and will now be focussed on what they need to revise. Year 11 have mini PPE assessments in lessons and they too have to work hard in preparation for the summer. We know how important this period is for young people and we are here to support in any way we can.

It was very pleasing to record a successful Physics Olympiad for the school. In Year 12, out of 16 participants 15 were awarded certificates, 2 achieved gold - Joseph Brown and Ashwin Knight and 6 other students got a silver.

Well done to our 6th Form Charities Team for their cake sale and non-uniform day which raised £1,180.36. Well done too to everyone who participated in our very successful Mental Health Week which was organised extremely well by Mrs Worrall and Miss Ryan.

I am also pleased to announce that we launched our Twitter and Facebook accounts (Twitter - @OPGSchool and Facebook – fb.com/OPGSOOfficial)

Year 9 will shortly start their GCSE options process and information will be available on the school website next week.

Our Year 7 sports teams continue to excel. On Saturday 19th March the football team is in the Kent Cup Final match which will be played at the Gallagher Stadium in Maidstone; kick off is at 6.45pm. This will be a ticketed event and further details can be found at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/under-12-denis-odonovan-trophy-final-tickets-265794978937>

Finally, the Year 7 football team are also in the last 32 of the English Schools Cup after beating Steyning Grammar School 3:2, with Aidan Durrell scoring a hat trick.

Yours sincerely,



K.W. Moody
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Mon 28 th Feb	Years 7&8 Cricket Training - St Augustine's Academy, 3.30-5.00pm (RMR & Invicta Coach).
Tue 1 st March	Year 10 Football v Aylesford – Home 3.00pm (RDE). Year 8 Rugby v Dover GS - Away, 2.30pm KO, depart 1.30pm (MKJ). Years 9-13 Cricket Training - St Augustine's Academy, 3.30-5.00pm (RMR & Invicta Coach).
Wed 2 nd March	Year 9 GCSE Options Webpage Launch – www.opgs.org
Thur 3 rd March	Year 13 Biology Olympiad p1&2, Room 43. Year 7B ESFA Quarter Final v Doctor Challoners GS - Away, 1.30pm KO, depart 10.50am (RDE, SPS).
Fri 4 th March	Year 10 monitoring issued.
Mon 7 th March	Year 8 and 9 HPV immunisations.
Tue 8 th March	Year 8 and 9 HPV immunisations.
Fri 11 th March	Year 9 monitoring issued.
Mon 14 th March	Year 9 Parents Evening 4-7pm. virtual (S, T & X).
Wed 16 th March	Year 9 Parents Evening 4-7pm. virtual (C & P).
Fri 18 th March	Year 11 monitoring issued.

World Book Day Celebrations: Monday 28th -Friday 4th March.

The English Department will be running an exciting selection of events in order to celebrate World Book Day which is on Thursday 4th March.

Here are a list of the events taking place:

World Book Day Quiz Thursday 3rd March

Students can access the quiz via Edulink. There will be a book-based prize for the winner!

The Big Book Swap Friday 5th March

Students are invited to the library to swap a book from home with a new one.

Scholastic Book Fair Monday 28th -Friday 5th March

The library will be hosting a book fair throughout the whole week. Details on how to purchase a new book will be sent home today.

Visits to the Library

KS3 classes will be spending time in the library with their English teachers this week. There will be opportunities to choose new books to loan and time to read.

If you are keen to find out more please contact Ms Davies.