

30th September 2022

Newsletter No 2

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very positive start to the term. On Tuesday 20th September, our first Enrichment Day of the year saw our pupils engaged in a range of exciting activities.

For example, our new Year 7 pupils took part in a team building exercise, Year 10 went on a Science trip to Port Lympne Animal Park and Years 8 and 12 took part in important PSHEE activities.

We continue to emphasise in assemblies and form time the importance of our 4 fundamental principles of outstanding behaviour for our school community. They are:

1. All members of the school community should be treated with kindness, respect and tolerance.
2. All students are expected to respect other students' right to learn and teachers' right to teach.
3. All members of the school community should strive for excellence and excellence will be celebrated.
4. All members of the school community shall respect the school environment.

Please support us by explaining to your son or daughter the importance of following these principles. Thank you for your continued support.

It was lovely to see so many new Year 7 parents at our Parents' Association BBQ last Friday. Please can I encourage parents to support our PA by joining and supporting them in their activities which raise crucial funds for the school.

I am delighted that we have been able to "restart" the Duke of Edinburgh Award with Year 11 pupils having their expedition this weekend. Good luck!

In sport, the 1st XV Rugby team lost 38 – 26 against Tunbridge Wells in the National Cup.

The Under 15 Rugby team drew 10-10 against Maidstone Grammar School in the National Cup and progress through to the next round due to being the away team.

In the ESFA, the U13's beat Beths Grammar School 3 – 0 and The Malling School 2 – 1.

The U16 Football team beat Oasis Academy 2 – 0.

The Senior Football team beat MGS 3 -1.

Next week we have the Senior Maths Challenge on Tuesday and we have our second Enrichment Day on Wednesday.

Preparations for our Open Day on Saturday 8th October are continuing and we want it to be a special day which showcases all the strengths of our school. A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 10th October.

Yours sincerely



K W Moody
Headteacher

Message from the Parents Association:

We had a great evening at the Year 7 Welcome BBQ on Friday 23rd September. It was great to be able to hold our first event, in the hall as the weather forecast was not great. Thanks to all the families who came along and to the volunteers and site staff for their hard work. We made about £300 to go towards some new picnic benches.

Our next event will be the AGM on Thursday 6th October at 7pm in school. All parents are invited to come along and hear about our fundraising last year, vote in the new committee and share ideas for this year. We are looking for some new committee members and some volunteers to help out occasionally. Email opgsa@gmail.com to let us know if you can come along. Refreshments will be provided.

This will be my last event after 4 years as Chair and about 8 years on the committee since its creation in 2014. My sons have now left school, so I am too. I have enjoyed being part of the team and helped to raise over £25,000 over the years. Many thanks to all who have helped from school, volunteers and committee members.

Thanks for your support.
Jane Fraser

Diary Dates

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| Mon 3 rd Oct | GCSE Drama 17 x Year 11 & 7 x Year 10 Epsom College p5 (RBU, RFR) |
| Tues 4 th Oct | Year 7-9 Open Morning briefing 2pm – Hall
Senior Maths Challenge Year 12& 13 x 60 p1&2 – Hall
Sixth Form Faculty Activity 1.50-2.20pm - LRC
Art & Graphics coursework pick-up 3.30-5.30pm
U15 Football v Southchurch School - Home, 2.00pm KO (SPS)
U15 Rugby v Norton Knatchbull GS - Home, 3.45pm KO (MKJ)
U14 Maidstone School Football Tournament - Home, 2.00pm KO (RDE) |
| Weds 5 th Oct | Enrichment Day (2)
1st XI Football v QES - Away, 2.00pm KO (SPS)
1st XV Rugby v Wilmington GS - Home, 2.15pm KO (MKJ, MHD)
U15 Maidstone Schools Tournament - Home, 3.00pm (RDE) |

Thurs 6 th Oct	Sixth Form Faculty Activity 1.50-2.20pm – LRC Year 10 & 11 Open Morning briefing 2pm – Hall School Production auditions 3.45-5.00pm (RBU, EJU, HW) 1st XI Football v St Gregory's - Home, 2.30pm KO (SPS)
Fri 7 th Oct	Year 7 monitoring issued Year 12 & 13 Open Morning briefing 2pm - Hall
Sat 8 th Oct	<u>11+ Open morning 9am-12noon</u>
Mon 10 th Oct	School closed
Tues 11 th Oct	11+ Open morning 9-11am School ends 2.45pm
Weds 12 th Oct	11+ Open morning 9-11am Year 7 Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm (1) – Setting the standard Big Mental Health Conversation – Detling 9.30am - 2.00pm – selected Year 11 & 12 students (KAR).
Thurs 13 th Oct	Sixth Form Faculty Activity 1.50-2.20pm - LRC Year 7 Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm (2) – Setting the standard Year 11 Assembly – PPE briefing
Fri 14 th Oct	11+ Open morning 9-11am Year 11 IAG Spanish - LRC 1.50pm Year 13 Briefing – Hall 1.50pm Year 13 monitoring issued

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Open 11 + Days 2022

'An exceptional learning experience'

Outstanding 2022 outcomes -see website for more details

Saturday 8th October 9am - 12pm

Headteacher's Presentation at 10am & 11am

School Open Mornings 9am - 11:00am

Tuesday 11th October
Wednesday 12th October
Friday 14th October
Tuesday 18th October
Wednesday 19th October
no booking necessary

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