

### Dates For Your Diary

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term Commences
	After-school Clubs Resume 3.05pm – 4.00pm

### Student Leadership

We have been overwhelmed with the number of applications we have received for the launch of our Student Leadership programme. A number of posts were made available for our students to apply for and a large number of students have done just that.

Mrs Moffat, Mr Nash and Mr Samjawn had an extremely difficult task of interviewing and selecting the ASPIRE Ambassadors but we are delighted that the following have now been appointed: Tillie, Shruthi, Diart and Fleur in Year 8, and Mya, Chloe, Isaac and Iain in Year 7 (all pictured below).



Congratulations also to our Student Council members who were elected by their classmates. They have the very important task of representing the students' voice in the school and to ensure that all views are taken into account. Our new Student Council team are as follows:

Year 7: Harry, Ashton, Mia, Algis, George, Emma  
 Year 8: Ruby, Sophie, Calleigh, Harry, Jolie, India

Further congratulations to the other Leadership positions appointed, including Subject Ambassadors and Reading Ambassadors. Further information about the successful applicants and their roles will follow in a future edition of the newsletter.

This is the start of our Student Leadership initiative and we are excited about the role these students will play, as well as future posts that will become available.

Mr Mussett

## Hot Chocolate Celebrations

Students were treated to the first post-lockdown Hot Chocolates with the Headteacher this week. Year 8's Leo, Kiya, Jack, Ruby and India were rewarded for their outstanding work both during lockdown and since returning to school. Meanwhile, Reece, Riley, Hayden, Blake, Isaiah and Max from Year 7 received their treat in recognition of good attendance, kindness and responsibility.



## Uniform Expectations

Following students' return after the Easter break we would like to continue to maintain our high expectations with regards to uniform. Guidance can be found on our website – [click here](#) – but here are some key reminders:

- Black formal school shoes must be worn at all times (except on PE days). The only exception to this is where medical evidence can be provided.
- Grey trousers or grey round pleated skirt.
- No unnatural hair colours or dyes.
- Nail varnish is not permitted.
- One single stud earring per ear.
- Any face make-up must be discreet.

We value your support in ensuring our students dress appropriately and are therefore ready to learn and be successful at school. If you require any further guidance or support in relation to our uniform expectations, please get in touch with us via the school office.

Mr Morgan

## Homework Club

We are pleased to announce that after-school Homework Club will resume daily, commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April, from 3.05pm – 4.00pm. This is an opportunity for students to undertake quiet study in our computer suites, and each year group will be bubbled. Limited spaces are available and places are therefore available on a first come, first served basis.

## PSHE Summer Term

The following PSHE topics are planned for the coming months, but please be aware that because we reflect the needs of the year groups, they are subject to change. We encourage discussion of topics covered in PSHE at home. If you have any questions, please contact myself or your child's pastoral team.

- Year 7: Puberty, Periods, Family Relationships, Managing Anger and Conflict, Energy Drinks, Alcohol, Smoking.
- Year 8: Types of Relationships, Parenting, Love Is, LGBTQ+, Savings, Money and Finances.

Ms Newman

## Free School Meal Vouchers

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, you should have received vouchers to the value of £30 per eligible student via Wonde, to cover the Easter holiday period. This arrangement is in place as part of the government's Covid Winter Support Grant scheme, which has been extended to cover this period.

## Water in School

We would kindly request that you ensure your child brings in enough water to school each day, as our facilities are limited due to Covid restrictions. This is particularly important on days when children have PE and, of course, as the weather becomes warmer. Thank you.

Miss Smith

## Covid-19 During Term Time Guidance - Reminders

### Lateral Flow Test Kits

Lateral Flow tests are only to be used if your child **IS NOT** displaying symptoms of Covid19. If you have given consent, you will have been provided with a number of these tests for your child to do at home. You may order more test kits, if needed, via this link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.

### Recording Results

The result of each test must be reported via the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. Parents / carers will also need to notify the school of each test result via [www.testregister.co.uk](http://www.testregister.co.uk).

### PCR Test Kits

PCR tests are to be used if your child or any household member is displaying Covid-19 symptoms, such as:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste differently to normal.

You can book a PCR test via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

### Recording Results

Please inform the school office immediately if you, your child or any member of your household has a positive test result. You will receive your PCR test result via email, text or through the NHS Test and Trace App.

### Reporting Student Absence Due To COVID-19

If any member of your household is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, your household must isolate until a negative PCR test has been obtained for the person(s) displaying symptoms. Please make the school office aware on the first day of absence, and explain if it is your child or a household member who is symptomatic. Subsequent days of absence must be reported via the Student Absence Line daily. If you are struggling to get a PCR test, please make the office aware and a member of staff will assist you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Smith

## Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Please see below a programme of after-school clubs that will commence when we return to school following the Easter break. All after-school clubs run from 3.05pm – 4.00pm and students need to make the necessary arrangements to make their own way home.

In addition, a range of lunchtime clubs are once again available for students to access.

Mr Mussett

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS 3.05 - 4.00pm	YEAR 7	YEAR 8
<b>MONDAY</b>	 STEM Netball Team Homework	Makerspace Sign Language Homework 
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Makerspace Football (Boys) Homework	History Homework
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Sign Language Rounders - Girls Team Homework	Rounders - Girls Team Homework
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Homework	 Football - Boys Team Homework
<b>FRIDAY</b>	 Creative Writing Homework	Homework