

Court Fields School
What's Happening: Information for Parents, Carers & Families
16th – 20th September 2019



A Message from Mrs Matthews

Firstly, a big thank you for all your support reinforcing our uniform expectations this term. We want our students to look smart and feel proud, and the improvement in uniform has been clear to see. We do appreciate that it is frustrating sometimes, particularly when shops sell items as 'school wear' when they do not conform to our uniform guidance. We are also ensuring that we are clear and consistent, so we have included some additional guidance on our website to help and Tutors will be checking uniform in registration each day.

I am delighted to confirm that at the end of last term Mrs Westwood was seconded to the Senior Leadership Team as Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral). She is leading on all aspects of behaviour, including uniform, and my thanks go to her, and her team of Heads of Year and Tutors for all their hard work. Every conversation about incorrect uniform takes away from learning time, and I have been so pleased to see the higher standards this term. Thank you again for all your support to date and throughout the rest of this year.

We have an exciting time over this week and next, with our Open Evening on Wednesday 18th and Open Mornings all of the following week. Please do come along, even if you have students already at Court Fields. We are moving forward at pace, and consistently improving, and I would encourage you to come and see this for yourselves. Please also encourage any friends/family with Year 5 & 6 children to visit, both for the evening and for the morning tours (simply call the school to book a slot). Our students in Food Tech will also be making fairy cakes on Open Evening for the Macmillan cancer charity, for just a small donation. Please do stop by and pick up a tasty treat for a very worthwhile cause.

A perfect example of our direction of travel is below in the achievements of our students in the National Young Speaker of the Year Competition. We have such talented students, they have every right to feel proud of themselves and their school, and we are doing all we can to support them. Thank you for your support as parents, carers and families. It is vital and it is appreciated. We will shortly be launching our Court Fields Community Group (formerly the Friends of Court Fields, formerly the PTA). This will be a central way in which families and the community can help us on our journey, so please do get in touch when we launch.

Highly Commended!

Last term a number of our Year 11 students (then in Year 10) in our Elevate Programme, took part in the English Speaking Board Level 2 (Grade 4) Speech Pathways Pilot. This was a week-long course, in association with Articulacy, which focussed on the development of students' oracy. The workshops supported them in developing a range of speaking and listening skills, behaviours and language necessary for effective communication and collaboration with others. We were so proud of our students, the majority of whom received a merit or distinction in the qualification, equivalent to an additional GCSE.



We then heard from the Director of the English Speaking Board that our students who participated and achieved the highest scores in their assessment would advance to the National Level 'Young Speaker of the Year' celebration, which was fantastic news. But there was more to come...!!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that 7 of these students have been awarded Highly Commended certificates in the Speaker of the Year celebration. To put this into context they scored in the top 100 of almost 12,000 entries. What a fantastic achievement! Congratulations and very well done to Alicia H, Bradley L, Chloe W, Jack E, Oliver E, Sam G and Yasmin E.

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Food Allergies

Please be reminded that Court Fields has a **NO NUTS** policy because we have students with serious allergies (including airborne allergies) where exposure to nuts could prove life threatening.



Uniform

Thank you for your support in ensuring our uniform policy is consistent at Court Fields. Tutors have contacted parents/carers regarding any uniform issues and we will be conducting another uniform audit on Monday 16th September to ensure students are in the correct uniform. On our website we have included pictures to clarify the accepted shoes. Please see details here:

courtfIELDS.net/category/information-for-parents

Transition Leaders

Over the next few weeks, we will be starting the recruitment process for our new Year 7 Transition Leaders. These leaders support all aspects of our work with Primary schools and students' transition to Court Fields. They will be involved in school visits and a buddy system. The current leaders now in year 8 will be supporting the forthcoming open



evening and the recruitment and training of our new cohort. I look forward to sharing more information towards the end of this term. Thanks, Mrs Westwood.

Student sickness

If your child is unwell, please remember to call the school as soon as possible on the morning of their sickness, so that we can update the register accordingly. Student sickness must be reported daily, even if the student has been off unwell the previous day. Advising us of student sickness prevents unnecessary absence alerts and calls being made to parents.

Do you like Art or Photography?

If there is anybody who has an interest in art and or photography that wants to be part of a new and exciting GCSE group at Court Fields School, we would love to hear from you. Court Fields have an enthusiastic group of young people working together in these disciplines and they are looking for somebody who has a genuine interest in working with young people in the Arts, in a supportive role.

If you think you could help we would be looking for just 3 hours (2 on a Friday and 1 on Tuesday). Please do get in touch. You must be over 18 years of age and will be subject to DBS clearance. Please email us at SCH.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk or contact the main school switchboard on 01823 664 201.

Early School closure on 18 September 2019

We are hosting our Open Evening for parents/carers/families of Year 5 & 6 students and their children to visit our school next Wednesday 18th September. Due to this event, school will be closing early on that day. Students will finish and are able to leave at 1.30pm. Lunch will be available in the Canteen until 2pm for students if they wish to eat lunch on site. Students should leave site by 2pm. This will allow us to get everything set up and ready. For those students who use school transport, the Transport Team have been notified and will collect students at 2pm (these students must remain on site in the Canteen or 'Nugget' area until 2pm).

Events This Week and Coming Soon

18 th September	Early finish for Open Evening – students finish at 1.30pm, lunch available until 2pm, students off site by 2pm
	Open Evening 6-8pm (for prospective parents of Key Stage 2 pupils)
23 rd -27 th September	Open Morning Tours all week at 9.30am (please call Reception to book your place)
25 th September	Tutor Evening for all years, 4-7pm (booking open for all parents from 13 th September)
2 nd October	Year 10 Curriculum Evening (booking open for Y10 parents from 20 th September)