

Court Fields School

What's Happening: Information for Parents, Carers & Families
30th September – 04th October 2019



A Message from Mrs Matthews

What an exciting week!!! We have had so many families joining us for our Open Morning Tours this week, which has been fantastic. The feedback has been so positive and it's great to hear that so many families are choosing Court Fields as their child's first choice school for September. It's testament to our progress over the last 6 months that we are likely to be oversubscribed in Year 7 next year. That is down to you as parents/carers and your support for our school, and the hard work of students and staff.

We were also thrilled to announce our new Student Leadership Team. This is an exciting new development in response to the exceptionally high standard of many of the applications/interviews for the roles of Head Boy & Head Girl. We have expanded the team to reflect our Senior Leadership Team, and to provide strategic development and support in a number of key areas, including STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics), Community, the House system, Mental Health and Teaching & Learning. Congratulations to all the successful candidates (more details overleaf).



This week we joined our community to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the visit of the Duke of Wellington, with a ceremony at the Monument and in the town, meeting once of his descendants. We also joined our friends at Reminiscence Learning to welcome the Countess of Wessex to the Archie Project, which is one of our key charities that we will continue to work alongside and support throughout 2019/20. Wednesday also saw our Tutor Evening, with excellent support from parents and carers. It was lovely to see the positive relationships between families and their children's Tutor(s) and to hear the positive comments about the changes in the school. Thank you as always for your support, which is invaluable.

Year 8 Rugby

Bishop Foxes 25 - 25 Court Fields: A thrilling end-to-end game ended in a draw against a talented Foxes side. Court Fields will rue a few missed opportunities, however there were lots of positives moving forward into next week's game vs Castle. Mr Conway was especially pleased with how the boys retained the ball at the break down and there was some fantastic passing in very tricky weather conditions. Overall a very good start to the season! Try Scorers were Noah X2, Andrei X2, Jack L.



Prize Winners

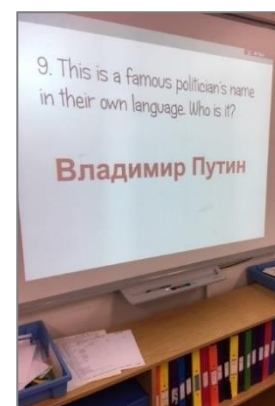
Congratulations to our three top prizewinners in our Year 6 Open Evening prize draw: Alfie, Robin and Theo. It was lovely to see so many prospective new students and their families at our Open events over the last week. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7s to Court Fields in September 2020.

European Day of Languages



At the end of September, the Modern Foreign Languages Faculty held its annual tutor group languages competition to mark the European Day of Languages. This sets out to highlight the importance of languages as a life-skill, and to make students aware of how the ability to speak another language can open a number of doors into the world of work.

The competition involved students attempting a range of questions involving languages as diverse as Hebrew, Hungarian and Lithuanian. The overall winners will be



announced next week. Well done to everybody who took part! Elsewhere in the school, staff greeted students in a variety of languages, and discussed their own travel and cultural experiences.

Student Absence

A gentle reminder to parents – please ensure that you contact the school by 9am to report your child's absence. You can now leave a message on our new absence line, which we are hoping will go live by Monday 30 September

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2019. When you leave your absence message, ensure you note the student name, who is calling and the reason for the absence. Please also note that you will need to call us for each day on which your child is absent.

Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to all of the students who gave impressive Student Leadership Team interviews to Mrs Matthews and Mrs Westwood. Court Fields School have now chosen their Student Leadership Team who are as follows: **Head Boy:** Sam G. **Deputy Head Boy:** Ted S. **Head Girl:** Charlotte H, **Deputy Head Girl:** Larissa C.

Assistant Head Boys/Girls with responsibilities:

STEM: Andrew B. **SEN and Wellbeing:** Louise H. **Sport and House system:** Holly E and Ollie B. **Promotion and Charity events:** Hannah P and Bradley L.



Class Charts

Thank you to all the parents and students who have logged on and actively using Class Charts. The app allows you to track positive and negative behaviours and homework. If a you or your child is having difficulty logging onto Class Charts please contact the tutor to discuss access.



Uniform



We have had fantastic support from student and parents in applying our Uniform Policy. This helps students to look smart and feel proud of themselves and our school. Tutors and Heads of Year have been in contact to resolve any issues. Please can we ensure all girls skirts are tailored and non-jersey material. No jeans are permitted and no trainers, including Nike Air Force and Adidas brands. On our website we have our full uniform policy and pictures to support the shoes we permit in school. Many thanks for all your support.

Maths Success Workshops for Year 11

The Maths Department at Court Fields will be running workshops after school on the 01 October 2019. The focus will be on exam technique and reviewing key questions from the summer PPE exams. All students are welcome to attend but we expect the highest standards of work and behaviour in the session.



Important Information student update packs

Please ensure that you return your child's first day back information sheets to the front office. They contain essential information that school needs to support your child, this includes trips permission slip. We are moving towards an electronic based communication system using mainly email to contact you with key information. Please do ensure that we hold an up to date email address for you. If you change your mobile or home telephone numbers during the school year, please contact our Admin Staff to update your contact details. It is important that we have up to date contact numbers for at least two parents/carers/relation the system.

Elevate Program

Our ambitious Elevate Programme identifies students who have the potential to make greater progress than they are currently. It helps to support students of all abilities through timetabled sessions, small group tutor periods, workshops and 1:1 mentoring. The Elevate Programme identifies students who may benefit from support, additional opportunities, or simply a key member of staff to provide mentoring. It could relate to students who are exceeding their targets, as well as those who have the potential to make greater progress than they are currently. It could also include students in receipt of the Pupil Premium or those who are 'looked after children'.



To help us identify students who may potentially benefit from this program, it **would really help us if you could let us know if your child is part of a special guardianship arrangement** for example, if they live with a grandparent or aunt or uncle, or have previously been in foster care. We may also be able to apply for additional funding for these students, which we can use to enhance their education. Any information you provide us will be treated in the strictest confidence. Please email htowler-williams@educ.somerset.gov.uk if you wish to share information. You can also follow the Elevate Program on Twitter @CourtElevate

Events This Week and Coming Soon

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| 2 nd October | Year 10 Curriculum Evening |
| 9 th October | Year 11 Curriculum Evening |
| 24 th & 25 th October | Inset Days (students not in school) |

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