



Court Fields School

What's Happening: Information for Parents, Carers & Families
04th – 10th November 2019

A Message from Mrs Matthews

Only a three day week this week and still no room for me to write!! Thank you for all your support this term. It is very much appreciated. I hope that you will be able to spend time relaxing as families during half term, even if you are not able to have time off work. You children have worked hard this term, and we will push them to do so again next term, to be ambitious and to exceed our expectations. I look forward to seeing them refreshed and recharged, on time and smart in their uniform on the 4th November. Thank you again, Mrs Matthews.

Join us for Remembrance Day, 11 November 2019



We would like to invite both students and parents to attend our remembrance event, at 11am, to honour those who have both contributed, and lost their lives, during both world wars and later conflicts. Students in the cadets of all types (services, St John Ambulance, Police, etc.) and Guides, Scouts etc. are encouraged to attend school in the uniform of their group, and to join us at 11am as we hold a minute's silence, lay a wreath and listen to the Last Post played by one of our talented music students.

Year 9 Council



The Year 9 Student Council met on Friday 18th October to discuss their first term. Students contributed really well to the meeting and shared their opinions over a number of topics. The Year Council firstly evaluated and completed a survey on the Year 9 Tutorial programme.



The students reflected by ticking topics with which they felt they need support as a Year Group, which they think need to be prioritised next term. These include 'Doing Acts of Kindness', 'Showing Respect' and 'Living without Harm'.

The Year 9 Student Council also discussed the process of electing a Head Boy and Head Girl. They all agreed that an interview process would be better than standing up and presenting in the Year Assembly as in previous years. Currently Tia and Jeremiah are the Acting Head Girl and Boy in Year 9, and the interview process will be implemented later on in the year. Students will meet for the Year Council every half term, and they have a calendar of dates scheduled in. I look forward to working closely with these fabulous students in Year 9. Students also volunteered to be part of two working groups following feedback from parents. One will be looking at solutions to develop canteen capacity, especially at break. The other working group will look at the school environment particularly recycling and litter. Mrs McCarthy, Head of Year 9.

Achievements both at School and in the Community



So many of our students have celebrated great achievements both in school and out of school. We announced our new Student Leadership Team; 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. Student Lily C was given a role in the Swan Lake Dreams with The Birmingham Royal Ballet, after a successful audition and Ellie and Shannon PK competed in the Wellington Flower Show in August, winning a silver cup on behalf of Court Fields. We are very proud of our students and congratulate them on their outstanding achievements this last term, whether it be in school, as part of the community or through extra-



curricular activities.



Volunteers – we need you!

Are you interested in supporting the school?

We are looking for people in the community who would like to help support the school during various events. If you're interested then please contact the main school office for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!



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Wellbeing Hub Launch



We opened our new Wellbeing Hub in early October, on World Mental Health Day. We hosted a large number of guests from the local community, as well as staff and our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, Wellbeing Champions and Student Leadership Team. We were also very fortunate to feature on BBC Points West. The theme of the day was #HelloYellow in line with Young Minds' campaign to support young people's mental health and wellbeing. Thank you to everyone for their support.



PE Round-Up

Basketball:

Court Fields hosted Kingsmead for a friendly 3v3 Girls Basketball tournament. Students from Yr 7 & 8 took part, and it was a fantastic opportunity for students to play in a tournament such as this. It was certainly good practice for our future tournaments, which are due to take place after half term.



England Under 15s Football:

Congratulations on behalf of the whole school to Brooke in Year 10 for once again being selected for the England Lionesses U15s Football Team. We are all very proud of her.



Rugby:

It's been a great few weeks of Rugby, our Year 7 Boys were undefeated and won all of their games beating Castle, Heathfield, Bishop Foxes and Kingsmead. Well done boys, we are very proud!

Football:

Boys from Court Fields have played some great football matches, including English Schools FA Cup 1st Round, where they achieved a fantastic result; Court Fields 6-0 Stoke Damere!! We are very proud of our football team. Congratulations to Sean C who was man of the match recently, leading the way with 5 goals! Well done.



Commonsense Media



With so many new games, apps and films being released every week, it can be difficult for parents and carers to keep up and know which ones are appropriate for their children.

www.common sense media.org is a free website which provides guidance about games, apps and films. You can read reviews written by experts, parents and children, including their suggested age-suitability and details about the content. You can also choose to sign up to receive the latest updates and personalise the content based on

the age of your child.

Find out more about commonsense at: www.common sense media.org

General School Reminders

Absence – Please remember to call as soon as possible in the morning to report your child's absence, ensure you leave the child's name, reason for absence and who is calling on the absence line.

School Driveway – Please drop students off outside the Youth Club, and not outside of main reception unless a student has a disability or injury that impacts mobility

Visitors – Please remember to sign in at main reception if visiting the school site

Events This Week and Coming Soon

7th November	Year 11 Parents' Evening
11th to 13th November	Year 11 English/Maths PPEs
13th November	Year 12 Presentation Evening

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