

Court Fields School

What's Happening: Information for Parents, Carers & Families
13th to 19th January 2020



A Message from Mrs Matthews

It has been so lovely to be in school this week. No matter how good it is to have a holiday, it's great to be back, surrounded by such fantastic students and staff. We've been straight into another busy week, with feedback from our staff Working Parties, developing metacognition, oracy, resilience, positive relationships and independent learning, students starting orienteering as a new focus to their PE curriculum, planning for our next Teaching & Learning Development Group session, and real focus from our students in lessons. Next week we are launching our Year 9 Futures Programme, which not only involves the options process, but a complete overhaul of the preparation and awareness around this very important time. This will enable students to have a significantly enhanced transition into Key Stage 4, and prepare them more effectively for their post-16 choices. This is Court Fields 2020. It's an exciting time. I can't wait for the coming months. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Matthews

Year 11 Exam Information for January 2020

Please be aware that from Friday 10th to Friday 17th January we will be temporarily moving our lunch break in order to accommodate our Year 11 PPE exams. During this period, lunch break for **all students** will be **between 12:30pm and 1:15pm** with lesson 4 starting after lunch at **1:15pm**. Timings for the rest of the school day remain unchanged. Please inform the School Office if this is likely to cause any issues with medication etc.

Pre-Public Exams ("mocks") 13/01/20-17/01/20

Year 11 students will be taking PPEs in January. Exams will be taken in option blocks which means that there will be more than one sitting for most exams. Students will be given an individual timetable which they need to check carefully. A few students may have clashes due to subject combinations, which will be resolved with them individually. Where students do not have exams they will be expected to be in lessons as normal.

Historical Fiction Book Club

The Humanities Department is setting up a Book Club aimed at Historical Fiction. The first book that has been selected is *Orphan, Monster, Spy*

A teenage spy. A Nazi boarding school. The performance of a lifetime.

Sarah has played many roles - but now she faces her most challenging of all. Because there's only one way for a Jewish orphan spy to survive at a school for the Nazi elite. And that's to become a monster like them. They think she is just a little girl. But she is the weapon they never saw coming... with a mission to destroy them all.



Students should attend an initial meeting in **C6 BREAK TIME MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2020** if you are interested. All year groups and ages welcome.



Humanities Newsletter!

Calling all students who have a love of History and writing!

Are you interested in a career in journalism?

Do you have an interest in historical events both past and current?

We would like a group of individuals to create a monthly newsletter.

It could consist of 'this day in 1918', such as a recent event that has happened in the news like an earthquake or a drone strike writing what impact it has and may have in the future?

There will be discussions at an initial meeting about topics, formats etc.

For more information please see the Humanities Department.

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Rotary National Young Photographer of the year



We have entered five year 9 students and one year 10 student into the Rotary National Young Photographer of the year competition. The competition celebrates skills of young people through the art of photography.



This is our first set of entries and we are hoping they will do very well. This is an example of a couple of photos we are submitting.

Welcome to Simone

We have been fortunate to be given funding by Somerset Police Commissioner, Sue Mountstephens for Simone to come and work with us over the next 18 months. She will be working with staff and students, both in groups and 1:1 with a focus on Restorative Justice, Healthy Relationships and Anger Management. Over the next few months we will share with you all the fantastic work that will take place to support our students.

Youth Community Leadership Programme

We are excited to launch our Youth Community Leadership Programme; students from across all year groups will create a youth community group that will work with Hero Austin from Citizens UK to listen to young people on issues that are effecting them. The group will choose one project to work on and develop a plan that will be pitched to local businesses and professionals with a view to improving the lives of young people within our community. We look forward to sharing our progress!

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh successes



Well done to the following students who have completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Oliver B, Charlotte V, Larissa C, Henry G, William P, Noah O, Thomas S, Andrew B, Thomas M, Bradley L and Joe E. This is an amazing achievement! All the students have worked very hard in order to achieve their award, completing skills, physical, volunteering and their expedition sections.

We are very proud of all of them!



Basketball

Year 8 Girls basketballs teams played in a central venue tournament at Court Fields on Tuesday 7th Jan. They played against Castle, Heathfield, and Taunton academy. All teams played brilliantly and out of 12 games only lost 2. Fantastic team work all round. Well done!

HPV Vaccinations

Booster HPV vaccinations for Year 9 Girls are taking place in School on Tuesday 14 January and will be delivered by the Somerset SAINT nurse team. As this is a booster vaccination, the nurses already have consent forms so no action is required by parents. Please remember that, as with any of the vaccinations in school, our role is to host the nurses, all the administration for these programmes is done by Somerset SAINT.

Polite Reminder

There have been a couple of cases of Head Lice in school recently. Please be vigilant and follow the treatment advice for this condition on the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> should your child be infected. By being vigilant and treating promptly, we can limit the spread of this common condition in school. Thank you for your support.

Events This Week and Coming Soon

10 to 17 January	Year 11 PPE Exams
29 January	Yr9 Group Knife Crime Workshop
30 January	Yr11 Trip – The Apprenticeship Show
30 January	Yr10 Parents Evening
5 February	Year 9 Futures Evening (formerly Options Evening)

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