



Court Fields School

What's Happening: Information for Parents, Carers & Families 2nd to 9th February 2020

A Message from Mrs Matthews

Once again, I am thrilled to tell you about the events, activities and development at our school. Last week we raised a significant amount in response to our students concerns regarding those in Australia affected by the bushfires. We took part in the Rotary Youth Speaks' Competition, with our Intermediates coming in 3rd place and our Seniors going through to the Regional Heats next week. Our Key Stage 3 Boys and Girls Teams came second in the County Badminton Finals, with our Key Stage 4 Girls coming first, losing only one game, and going through to the Regional Finals. Our staff continue their development of Teaching & Learning with training from Dr Jim Rogers and their safeguarding via a workshop session on identifying and supporting vulnerable students. This week we are focusing on Children's' Mental Health Week, and in the coming weeks are looking forward to welcoming our ex-student PC Grabham with Police Dog Fred to support the development of our students' Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE). These are exciting times, which continue to show the improvement of our school. Thank you once again for your support.



Australia Day Fundraiser – Monday 27th January

We held a fundraiser for Australia Day on Monday 27th January, where students and staff had a non-uniform day wearing blue, red and white clothing, and two staff even dressed up as Koala bears! There was a cake sale and in the evening, staff and parents joined each other at the World's End in Taunton for a quiz night where some of the parents won! Congratulations! In the end we raised £800! The money will be split between the Australian Red Cross and the Australian Wildlife Rescue so that we can directly support both the Humanitarian and wildlife aspects of those affected by the wild fires.



Sports roundup

Year7 Basketball at Castle: There was a fun-filled evening of basketball at the tournament last week. For many of the boys this was their first experience against other schools. No scores were recorded, however lots of baskets, fun and learning! Well done!!



Singing workshop – 'The Stylist of Somerset'



Students took part in a workshop with Vocal Coach and Choral Director Mark De-Lisser. A well-known vocal coach on programmes such as "Let it shine" and "The Voice", Mark has also been a singing teacher to acts such as Jesse J, Musical Director of the ACM Gospel Choir and also did the choral arrangement of Stand By Me which was sung at Prince Harry and Megan's wedding. Mark came to school



this week to help the students with their songs for the Opera 2020 event 'The Stylist of Somerset', based on the Barber of Seville. The students really enjoyed the workshop and the experience.

Severe Weather – Information and Advice for Parents

It's the time of year where, over the next few weeks, we could experience severe weather conditions. Please see the link below, which will take you to the **Parent tab** and **Information for Parents** section on the school website. This contains information and advice for parents as to what will happen and what you need to do should it snow. We will do our utmost to keep the school open and it will only be closed as a last resort. The information is on our website: www.courtfields.net. Information will also be posted on our Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts.



Plymouth Aquarium visit

Y9 students will be going to Plymouth Aquarium on **Tuesday 4th February** to attend the launch of the Go4SET project. Students must meet at the front of school no later than **7:50am** and we will be returning before the end of the school day.



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Knife Crime workshop

Year 9 students attended a fantastic knife crime and County Lines workshop from @colloratedigital. We look forward to seeing and hearing the final podcasts and videos. Our Year 9 students work will go on to help educate others.

Year 9 Options Evening

Our Year 9 options evening will be taking place from **6.15pm to 7.30pm**. We will be asking students to make their choices as to which subjects they should select for GCSE by Thursday 13th February, so this evening will give an invaluable insight into which subjects might be the most appropriate for your child. Students will receive their option booklets on Monday 3rd February, which will include important information about every Core and Option subject. You will need to bring the booklet with you on the evening, where you will also be given the chance to speak to teachers from different subject areas and representatives from local colleges. Below is a timetable for the evening:



Time	9R1, 9R2, 9E	Time	9T1, 9T2, 9S
6.30 pm	Main hall presentation	6.30 pm	Futures Fair (Sports Hall)
7.00 pm	Futures Fair (Sports Hall)	7.00 pm	Main hall presentation
7.30 pm	End of the evening	7.30 pm	End of the evening

Polite Reminder

In order to safeguard all of our students, parents coming on to school site, at any time, are politely reminded to report to main reception located in A Block to sign in.



Parent workshop: Raising Self Esteem with young people

We are pleased to be able to offer all parents/carers a second training and information session run by our school **Educational Psychologist: Fiona Mann**. Previously, Fiona ran an extremely successful session on resilience and self harm, which was well-received by all of the 60+ parents/carers who attended.

The first part of this training session will be open to all parents and will have a key focus of 'Self-Esteem'. **This session will be on Feb 6th, with a Drop-in session follow-up on Thurs 19th March, both at The Wellington Rugby Club.**

We are very proud to be able to offer this kind of professional support for parents, as advice and information direct from school EPs is not commonplace and we are very grateful to Fiona for offering this as part of her service to our Wellington cluster of schools.

Workshop opportunity for Parents/Carers



Resilience Voyage will be holding a 'Drugs Bus' Family Workshop on **3rd February, 6pm to 7.30pm** on school site.

The Workshop will give parents/carers an opportunity to work with young people in order to gain knowledge and understanding about issues relating to substance misuse. If you are interested in taking part in this very exciting opportunity and joining the workshop, please contact Mrs Westwood via the school email address sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Events This Week and Coming Soon

3 February	Drugs Bus, Yr7/8, 6pm to 7.30pm
4 February	Go4Set Launch Plymouth
5 February	Year 9 Futures (Options) Evening, 6.15pm start
14 February	Ski Trip Departs
	INSET Day – children not in school
25 February	HPV Vaccinations
02 March	Year 11 Maths PPEs



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