



Court Fields School

What's Happening: Information for Parents, Carers & Families
24th to 29th February 2020

A Message from Mrs Matthews

As we come to the half-way point in our 2019-20 Academic Year I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support. As parents/carers, staff and students, you are all playing a key role in Court Fields' development. We were visited in January by our School Improvement Partner and undertook an external safeguarding audit, both of which noted our ongoing development and we will be visited before the end of this academic year by OFSTED, for a Monitoring Visit. This Visit will allow us to demonstrate the progress we are making, and the improvements made since the school's last OFSTED visit. We know that, like any organisation, there will always be things we can do differently, or better, but we have an absolute commitment as a school to plan for effective progress, to evaluate our development, and to continue to strive for excellence. Your support in this is critical, and I am very grateful for the commitment and enthusiasm you have shown to work together with us. Thank you. Mrs Matthews.

Year 11 Information – Exams and Progress Reports

Year 11 PPE Exams

Year 11 students have Maths PPE (“mock”) exams in March:

Wednesday 4th March: Maths Paper 1 (morning) and Maths Paper 2 (afternoon)

Thursday 5th March: Maths Paper 3 (morning)

Students will be given individual timetables for these exams after half term.

Year 11 Summer Exams

The main timetable for the summer exams is available on the School website under the “Students” tab.

Y11 Progress Reports

The latest Y11 Progress Reports are being posted home on Friday 14th February. They will include PPE Grades (if applicable), Consistent Working Grades, Attitude to Learning and Homework Grades. They will also include a comment from the teacher of each subject. Your child's attendance figures, behaviour points and achievement points will also be shown on the report.

New Geography Trip for 2021!



The Geography Department is launching a brand new international trip! We hope to take 30-45 Year 10 Geography students to the Mediterranean Island of Mallorca to experience the landscapes, conduct fieldwork, and to revise. The trip will run in the Easter holidays **2021**. Letters went out on Wednesday 12th of February. Students need to return their slip and deposit payment as soon as



possible to reserve a place. Please note that this is additional to the local Geography trips which fulfil course requirements and which will continue to run. Any questions, please contact Miss Casson.

Kalpee visits Court Fields

International rapper Kalpee visited year 8 and 10 this week to perform and share positive mental health and anti bullying messages. Students listened to the songs he had written and heard stories of his life about the challenges he had experienced and how he faced these head on. His mantra is “Always respond to negativity with positivity”.



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Uniform

During half term you may be buying or replacing school uniform items, please can we take this opportunity to remind you to check our school uniform policy via our website. Shoes must be plain black and polishable. We do not allow any trainers such as Nike, Adidas or Reebok. We will accept plain black 'Vans' style but they must not have a stripe, even if black, on the side. School skirts must be tailored and not Jersey material. We will not allow facial piercings including nose studs. All piercings must be removed for school.

Oliver costume help!

If you have any old material/rags/handkerchiefs please let Mr. Reed know and bring to the Drama Department. This would be super appreciated!

School Transport Information. Berry's Coach – C371

The AM collection times on the Berry's Coach, C371 route will be brought forward by **5 minutes** from **24 February 2020**. Students who travel on this route will receive a notification form School Transport to confirm the change. These changes only apply to this bus route. All other routes remain the same.



Year 7 and 8 Drugs Bus opportunity

We have secured funding for the Drugs Bus to visit on Friday 28th February giving students and parents/carers the opportunity to experience the Drugs Bus experience together. We have emailed a letter to all Year 7 and 8 parents to explain how you can sign up. It is a fantastic event for parents and students working together to gain a greater drugs education understanding. The travelling activity centre is provided by Resilience Voyage, a Somerset-based company that designs and runs stimulating, interactive, resilience and prevention workshops and programmes.



Youth Community Project

This week we were pleased to welcome back Hero and Chris who supported our students to plan action following their listening conversations. It costs over £800 per year for students to use the local bus service to get to college. Our students will be visiting County Hall and the local bus station in March to invite key figures within Somerset Transport to come along in April to hear our findings and try to work together to reduce the cost of the buses in the future. 'We are so proud and excited to be part of this project and having the chance to really make a change' says Chloe in Year 10.

Safer Internet Day 2020

This February we celebrated Safer Internet Day. The worldwide theme for this important day of internet safety is *"Together for a better internet"*. This year the day will focus on how young people use and explore the internet as well express their identity through it. The UK Safer Internet Centre has launched a series of short films entitled *"How can parents talk to children about their online lives."* The films have great tips for parents and are very inspiring! They can be accessed via the following link <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer/film-how-can-parents-talk-children>



Somerset Climate Change Emergency

Climate change affects us all, and is one of the biggest issues facing us not only locally, but globally. In 2019 the UK faced its warmest year recorded in eleven years, since 2002. Somerset County Council have created a survey with Somerset Climate Action Network, with the aim of getting views on whether the Somerset Climate Emergency Framework document on Climate Change contains everything people think are important. To get involved and read the current draft Framework, it should only take 5-10 minutes to complete.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/climate-emergency/#Get-involved---our-questionnaire>



Events this week, and coming soon

25 February	HPV Vaccinations, Year 8 boys & girls
02 March	Yr 11 Maths PPE's
12 March	Year 8 Parents Evening, 4pm

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