

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

We were thrilled this week to celebrate a year since we opened our Wellbeing Hub. It has been wonderful to see how we have supported students via our Pastoral Team over the last year, both in and out of the Hub, and how we have been able to adapt and expand our support in response to the challenges of lockdown and school reopening. Thank you to Mrs Westwood and the Pastoral Team, as well as our wonderful students. Here's to the next year and our projects already in place, including our new School Chaplain (providing mentoring support for students), and the development of our new Sensory Garden outside the Hub to provide a nurturing social space for students. Have a lovely weekend, and thank you for your support as always. Mrs Matthews.

Following our Virtual Curriculum Evenings for Years 10 & 11, please find attached a booklet detailing the teaching and learning strategies being used in school in order to improve the progress of all our students. There are also notes on how students can utilise these strategies to help their revision or work at home. As always, if you have any queries about teaching and learning please email Miss Martin at lmartin1@educ.somerset.gov.uk.



Welcome Back!

...And finally, Mrs McCarthy would say we have saved the best to last! Welcome back to our lovely Year 10 Students. It is wonderful to see you all back. Keep working hard now as you start your GCSE courses, and focus on a bright and positive future.



#HelloYellow - raising awareness of mental health

We are really excited that our students have, once again, taken part in #HelloYellow day on Friday 9th October. We are making badges to show our respect for each other, thinking about our positive mental health and how we can celebrate the positives we all have. Please check out our social media for full photos of the events. I look forward to sharing our day with you in the Bulletin next week. Mrs Westwood



100 Things To Do Before Year 11

This week, to continue to promote positive mental health, and to encourage our values of Achieve, Belong, and Participate, we have set all of our KS3 students a challenge! Each student will be given our '100 Things' Booklet, in which they can get their Tutor to mark off activities that they have completed. Along the journey to try 100 activities, there are lots of awards that they can pick, as well as encouragement to try new things both in and outside of school. All the activities have been suggested by our staff and students, and were inspired by our friends at the National Trust locally, including Emma Jones, NT Education Officer. We are looking forward to hearing about our students trying new activities and sharing their successes with us.



Free event — Inspiring Girls into STEM

In celebration of Ada Lovelace Day, the woman who is widely regarded as the first ever computer programmer, Engine Shed and SETsquared Bristol bring together a panel of women in STEM/STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) to talk about their tech careers, which have developed into something much more entrepreneurial.

The event will be a place for women in tech and girls in STEAM education to inspire, be inspired and celebrate the original coder, Ada Lovelace.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inspiring-women-and-girls-in-steam-celebrating-ada-lovelace-day-tickets-121389066967>

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Updating your child's details

Usually at this time of year we send home our data collection packs for you to complete and update the information we keep on record about your child, as well as the consents that you give for your child to take part in visits and fixtures.

We are working hard to try and find a suitable online solution to this, because, in the present climate, having lots of paper coming into school is not COVID secure. We are researching several online/electronic solutions, and will have a final version to 'go live' very soon. This will, in future, enable you to check and update your child's information quickly and easily, without having to rewrite an entire pack each year!

In the meantime it is really important that we have up-to-date emergency contact, medical information and permissions for photographs, administering paracetamol etc. on record for your child. Please can you contact us with any updates as soon as possible.

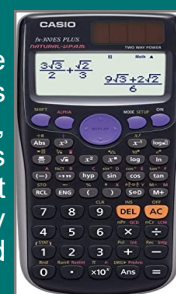
If you want to check what information we have on record then please contact the school office via email at [SCH.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk) and one of our office team will be happy to talk this through with you. If nothing has changed there is no need notify us.

We will write to parents with details of our online solution for collecting this information before half-term.



Maths Assessment Week

All students in the school will have a maths assessment in the next few weeks. All students should have their own maths equipment, including a calculator, protractor, ruler, pens, pencils, pair of compasses. Due to COVID restrictions we cannot lend this equipment out. Please ensure your child has all the equipment they need. Calculators are available from the school at a very reasonable price, simply email your child's Maths Teacher to find out more.



What Parents Need to Know About Persuasive Design

Ever wondered how that advert for something you searched for last week on the internet, suddenly popped up on Facebook? Follow the link below to find out more!

School closures and the lockdown period have of course meant that many children spent more time online. Whilst this was almost inevitable, social media platforms, such as Facebook and Instagram, are likely to have exacerbated the problem through the use of clever persuasive design techniques. These make it difficult for children to disengage and can keep them scrolling through their news feeds for hours. Please see the link below to a free guide to help parents and carers understand what this is all about. <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/persuasive-design>.

School Photographs—extended deadline for orders

Reminders to all parents of Years 7, 9 and 11 to have any orders for school photographs into the school by FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER and all online orders for free delivery back to the school must be placed by MIDNIGHT MONDAY 12th OCTOBER. If you have not received the order proofs for your child, you can obtain your order details by calling DSP Photographers on 01242 691910.



Forward Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd October and Friday 23rd October INSET DAYS students do not attend

Monday 26th October Friday 30th October HALF TERM

Monday 2nd November Students return to school

Thursday 5th November Year 11 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 11th November Year 12 Presentation Evening

Friday 13th November Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need

Privacy Notice

We have recently updated our student/parent privacy notice with information about how we may use your personal data during the public health emergency. Please see the link here

<https://courtfIELDS.net/84671-2/>.

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