

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 23rd July 2021

After what feels like the hottest week ever, we're at the end of what feels like the longest year ever!! It's been so busy, but also such a positive year in so many ways, despite the challenging times. What has made the difference is your support, so thank you for all that you do. We're very excited to keep moving our school forward next year, but in the meantime I know that all our students, staff and families deserve a lovely summer holiday!!

I hope you all have a relaxing break and get to spend time with friends and family. Thanks again for your support. Take care. Mrs Matthews



'Work Experience through the Eyes of a Student'

Work Experience was the ghost of a term that stalked not only the halls of Court Fields but schools up and down the country, due to the restrictions that still constrict once-normal occurrences. So, when Year 10 students were offered the opportunity to apply to a business of their desires for a week of on-the-job training, many lapped it up in seconds. Various students experienced a scope of professions, from local industries ranging from construction, retail, property, fitness and wellbeing and even photography. Also included were many in-person venues such as offices, shops as well as factories.

Overall, the experience provided students with a mature sense of what to expect when potentially going into their chosen careers. I think I speak on behalf of my Year that the opportunity gave me a real insight into the time commitment, the effort, and even the enjoyment sustained within a job. Learning interpersonal skills; such as dealing with clients and customers. Financial skills; like handling money and

bookkeeping. Perhaps even the unexpected skills; like perfecting the boss's cup of tea. Nevertheless, I believe every second of the week was beneficial, and I wholly recommend it to students in younger years, who should definitely take up the opportunity when it is offered to them. Make sure to go into it with an open mind, be ready to take on any learning thrown at you, and just enjoy!

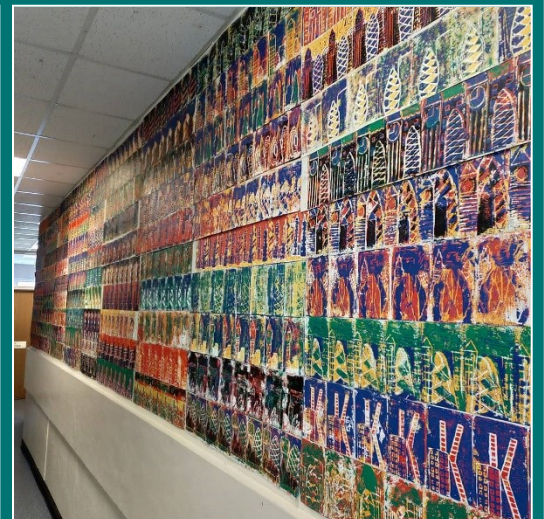
Thank you to Miss Charity Hunt, our incredible Careers Advisor, for arranging this opportunity for us. And to the many brilliant businesses that offered placements.

Madi B, Year 10

Brilliant Art Work

Willow B-C has won herself 7 Windsor and Newton Professional Pigment markers with this amazingly accurate and detailed drawing of a trainer. Well done Willow!

Plus, here is a picture of Year 9 lino reduction printing based on architecture (far right). We were so impressed by it that we wanted to show all of it and created a large display in the corridor .



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Feedback from the Industrial Cadets

We are very pleased to announce that our Bronze Industrial cadets have now graduated. We have received some incredibly positive feedback on their work.

The Panel felt that the quality of both the Team's Report and the video presentation was good. "We particularly liked the fact that the students on the video referred to elements of the model whilst explaining their solution, which gave a strong and positive impact. The Report itself was well structured with clear sections. It was also good to see that some of the design's limitations were discussed in the "Evaluation" section."

The Panel were impressed during the live Q&A session when the team members present took it in turn to clearly reflect on what they would have done differently on the project and the new skills that they learnt. This demonstrated that they were aware of what could be improved and what they would apply in future work. During the Q&A session, the members also clearly explained how the roles were agreed, playing to individual strengths.

Our Cadets should be incredibly proud of all they achieved in such a small amount of time, with all the challenges that they were facing as well. To be commended in the innovation section really shows their originality and the depth of research that they did.



PE Kit Reminder

A gentle reminder that all students need football boots and shin pads for PE from September, as a matter of health and safety. Gum shields are also advised for Hockey.

Choosing Age Appropriate Games

With the summer holidays just starting, many families will be enjoying video games as part of their entertainment in the coming weeks. Gaming can be a creative, collaborative and enjoyable family activity. However, parents will also be aware of the risks posed if children play games which are not suitable for them. Knowing how to choose appropriate games, and how to talk to your children about it, can be difficult.



This Childnet webpage is a great place to get advice about how to make choices about games for your family and ways to have conversations about appropriate games with your children:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/help-my-child-wants-to-play-games-that-are-too-old-for-them>

Forward Diary Dates

6th September - Covid testing for Year 7 & 8

7th September - Year 7 ONLY transition day
- Year 11 & 9 testing

8th September - Year 7 ONLY transition day
- Year 10 testing

9th September - Year 8-11 return to school

10th September - All students in school
- Year 7 & 8 second test

13th September - All students in school
- Year 11 & 9 second test

14th September - All students in school
- Year 10 second test



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