

Newsletter 14 March 2025

Dear Parent/ Carer

Effective transition has definitely been the focus for this week. It was great to see our new Year 6 students who are set to join us in September on Tuesday and Wednesday. This is the first time we've run a staggered introduction and information evening for students and parents/ carers so soon after the 1 March offer date, and I am so grateful for everyone who was able to attend and for your many kind words about the event. We'll be offering catch-up sessions for those who couldn't attend in the next couple of weeks, and we'll be emailing out the resources over the weekend for those who attended, as promised.

Thank you to everyone for attending the Year 9 curriculum evening as well. We hope you found the event useful and informative. A copy of the [main presentation](#) is now available, together with the [preferences booklet](#) already published. Individual preference forms have now been emailed to students, and we ask that these be completed by Monday 24 March 2025.

PAC and our next Parent Engagement evening

The next Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting has been deferred to Wednesday 19 March 2025. If you would like to contact the PAC prior to the meeting, please see our page about communicating with the PAC: <https://www.astreastivo.org/pac/>

With parents/ carers already having attended a number of evenings this week, we have decided to re-schedule the Parent Engagement evening that was set for this Monday to Monday 24 March 2025 between 5.30pm and 6.30pm instead. If you would like to submit any questions for inclusion in the meeting, please feel free to fill out the online form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gGfPFvBL70-q-gtugufqCmtFNXMeEpVKr-NMlbqauotUME5SNVU3S1Q1MjFTNzBDVkJZGU1cxSzhXNy4u>

Sixth form refurb update

The refurb project for our sixth form hit another milestone this week with the finalisation of tender pack for prospective bidders which will be going out on Monday. I talked to Years 12 and 13 this morning to update them on the process and rough timelines:

- **4 April 2025** – we start the moving out of the sixth form side of the building
- **22 April 2025** – the resource centre will become a temporary sixth form common room and work area for the duration of the build; information about how Years 7-11 can access the library books and sheltered spaces during break and lunch will be confirmed upon our return after the Easter break
- **28 April 2025** – we hope that building work will begin
- **May – June 2025** – the real sixth form summer exams will happen in rooms 19, 20 and 21 and access to these corridors and external spaces will be restricted to ensure a silent area

- **1-13 August 2025** – the building is handed back to the school

The rest of this week's newsletter covers the release of Year 11 mock results, Easter interventions for Years 11 and 13, information about Red Nose Day, a change with Sparx Science, a copy of the student-led Ivo Insider magazine, news from Eco-Ivo and finally, careers updates.

Yours faithfully

Tony Meneagh

Principal

Year 11 mock results

Well done to Year 11 for their mock results which they received in assembly today. Results have now also been published on MCAS and the Bromcom student portal. Due to the English Language papers having an additional moderation process, the English Language results will be published on MCAS/ Bromcom on Wednesday 19 March 2025.

Easter intervention – Years 11 and 13

We will be running intervention sessions for Years 11 and 13 in the first week of the Easter break, Monday 7 – Thursday 10 April 2025. Sign up details will be included in the newsletter next week.

Year 11 interventions

Lots of students have attended period 6 this week and we are excited to see more and more students joining us as we focus now on the final examinations.

Late buses run every day at 4.10pm so all students can access after school interventions if they wish:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch			Food	French	
			Geography		
	D&T	D&T	D&T	D&T	D&T
	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance
After school	History	English Language L01	Art	Maths (invite only)	D&T
	Geography	Maths (invite only)	Science	RE	Computer Science

	Art		Food	D&T	English Room 13
	Music		Music	Computer Science	
			PE	Drama	
			Geography	French	
			BTEC Sport	English Language (invite only)	
	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance

Red Nose Day

We are delighted to announce the return of our staff charity video for Red Nose Day 2025! Each tutor group needs to raise £5 cash in order to watch the video during morning registration on Friday 21 March.

Sparx Science

Please note that from next week Sparx Science homework will now run from Wednesday to Wednesday, instead of Friday to Friday.

Ivo Insider

[Edition 7 of Ivo Insider](#) is has now been published. Ivo Insider is a student newspaper written by students for students. All the articles are planned and written by students on topics which they choose.

NHS vaccination clinics

If your child has missed any school vaccinations, catch up clinics are being run by the NHS during the [first](#) and [second](#) weeks of Easter. Please see the links for details.

Eco-Ivo news

The Eco-Ivo group has some exciting news for you! We are taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 24 March to 4 April 2025. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. A 2021 YouGov study showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Plus, there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

Including everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.

We know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. If you want to discuss more about your child(ren)'s specific needs, please contact Mrs Westbrook and we will make sure to look into how your child(ren) can take part.

Shaping Futures: inspiring our Year 10s

This week, we welcomed back our Shaping Futures partners for the first of their mentoring and project sessions with our Year 10 students. Experts from Deloitte, Strategic Spark, Dark Cherry, Aviva, Westfield, Tinysoft, Form the Future, 20Twenty, North Shoes, MAM Solutions, Mott MacDonald and Winvic are working with our students to develop their employability and soft skills through a series of engaging and inspiring workshops. These sessions provide invaluable insights and hands-on experience, helping to prepare our students for future success.

We look forward to seeing their confidence and skills grow throughout the programme!

Students attend health & care careers expo

Recently some of our students had the fantastic opportunity to attend the **Health and Care Careers Expo**, hosted by the **Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Integrated Care System** at the KingsGate Conference Centre.

The event showcased the diverse range of careers available within the **health and social care sector**, highlighting opportunities in nursing, midwifery, paramedicine, mental health, social work, and many more vital professions.

Throughout the day, students had the chance to Engage with industry professionals, get hands-on with interactive activities, explore university pathways and subject choices and learn about apprenticeships

The expo was an eye-opening experience, helping students understand the breadth of opportunities in the health and social care sector and they left feeling inspired and well-informed about their future options — and, of course, with a goody bag in hand!

A huge thank you to **Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Integrated Care System** for hosting such an insightful and engaging event.

We look forward to seeing how our students apply their newfound knowledge as they start planning their future careers!