

Welcome

2nd December 2021 Weekly Newsletter for parents & Students It has been an eventful week, not only with storm Arwen but with the government introducing new measures due to the emergence of the Omicron variant. In school students must continue to wear face masks on transport, in communal areas and in our classrooms. It is vital that we work together to ensure that we reduce transmission of Covid-19 so there is no further impact on the education of our children. If a child or staff member is informed that they are a close contact of a positive case of the Omicron variant then they will have to isolate for 10 days, regardless of their vaccination status.

By wearing a face covering we are offering protection to each other, so the more of us that wear them the safer we are. Exemptions include; people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability, and for people for whom putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause severe distress. I urge parents to talk to their child about keeping our community safe and remind them of the importance of wearing a face mask. There should be only a small number of children who are exempt. All secondary schools have been asked by the Department for Education to test all students on their return to school following the Christmas break - further information will be provided when we have more details, please read the later article.

On Wednesday, all year groups had a special assembly where Leicestershire Police spoke to us about Hate Crime and the impact of inappropriate use of social media, including the consequences. Our students listened intently and engaged in answering many questions. Now that it is December we have finally completed our Movember moustache growing and fitness challenges. Students and staff together have now raised a monumental £4781.00 to fuel groundbreaking men's health projects and research around the globe. A special mention must go to Samuel Wright in year 13 who has raised an incredible £1680 and smashed his 100 mile running target during the month of November. There is still time to make a donation towards anyone who is part of #TeamBosworth if you'd like to support us.

Headteachers from Windsor, Aylesbury and Middlesex visited our school on Monday, braving the snow and ice. They visited lessons, met a staff group, and talked to a group of students from year 10 and 11. They were interested to find out more about how we stretch and challenge our students. Their feedback was so positive, all students they met were highly engaging and polite, and they left with many innovations to take back to their own region of the country. Thanks to all of our students who were involved in the day.

I hope all students enjoy their additional day not in school this year, which is tomorrow, Friday 3rd December. This is due to the additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee Day which takes place during the half-term break on Friday 3rd June so schools have been asked by the DFE to reduce the number of days in the school year by one. This day will break up a long Leicestershire winter term and provide a long weekend to rejuvenate both students and staff.



As the weather varied so much this week this quote from Maya Angelou came to mind, "Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud." We can all make a positive difference to the wellbeing of another.

Have a nice weekend when it arrives. Mr Brown Headteacher





Car Pick-up Notice

It is vital that parents choosing to pick up their child from school do so safely. Parents must not park in disabled bays unless they have a permit.

To avoid congestion at the front of school it is preferable that parents queue in the first bus park lane.

It is worth noting that the whole bus park becomes clear of all buses at 3.15pm. If you arrive by car from 3.15pm onwards all bus lanes can be used for a safe and very quick pick-up. Students can wait safely in the Laureate's playground or in the school library and get some home learning started until their pick-up arrives. For parents you will benefit from avoiding congestion and spending only a few minutes on the school site - a much better experience for you.

If you do need to collect children from 3.00pm then please be patient and expect delays.

I also request that parents do not pick up from local streets as a number of people have not been considerate of the local community, sometimes parking dangerously or without due regard to others. I am liaising with the local police over road safety and careful driving in our neighbourhood so please support us in this matter.

Mr Brown, Headteacher

Covid-19Testing over the festive period

As we draw to the end of term we have received guidance from the government about testing for COVID -19 over the Christmas holidays and when students return next term. Students will be given additional tests to take away at the end of term as they may wish to take a rapid lateral flow test at home in situations where they are more likely to catch or spread COVID-19. This includes spending time in crowded and enclosed spaces, or before visiting people who are at higher risk of severe illness if they catch COVID-19. Students should also test at home in the evening (or early the next day) before they return to school on Tuesday 4th January.

Once students return to school after the holidays we will offer them one Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test onsite. This will help to identify positive cases of COVID19 and reduce transmission, to support the continuity of education, particularly as increased social mixing is likely over the Christmas and New Year period.

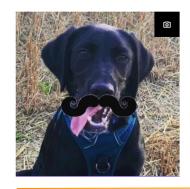
Mrs Holdback, Assistant Headteacher

Movember

A huge thank you to everybody who grew, moved, shared or donated to our Movember fundraiser throughout the month of November. Again, we raised a staggering sum of money as a school that will go towards promotion and research in to men's mental health, suicide awareness, prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

Special mention must go to Samuel Wright in Year 13 who ran 106 miles and raised £1680 and also Max Burns from Year 9 who ran 60km and raised £345 of this total. The page is still live should anybody want to contribute further but most importantly please spread the message of the campaign.

Mr Grest, Senior Leader



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End of term finish

On Friday 17 December 2021 we will be finishing school at 12:00pm. On this day we will be celebrating the achievements of students and staff in what has been a very challenging term. Our day will run as follows:

- 08:40 Tutor time
- 09:00 Period 1
- 10:00 Period 2
- 11:00 Period 3
- 12:00 End of school. Buses depart at 12:10pm.

Please plan child care accordingly.



Literacy Update

It's all about Reading Bosworth Book Buzz - An Early Christmas Present for Year 7



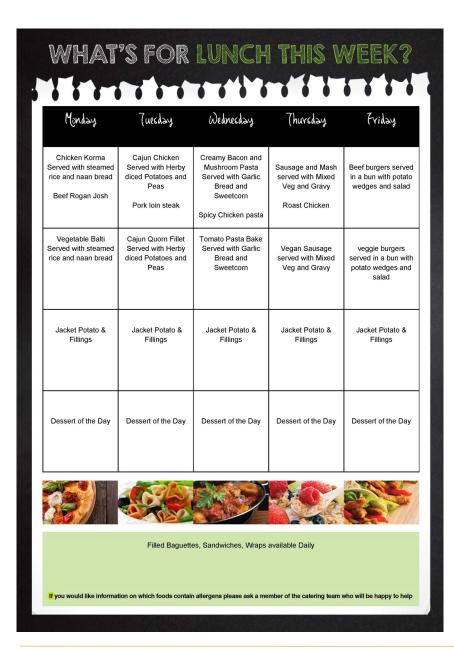
There has been great excitement and a huge buzz about reading in the Laureates this week, as our Year 7 students have received their Bookbuzz books - the books are a gift from the school, to keep forever. Bookbuzz is a reading programme from Book Trust that aims to help schools inspire a love of reading in Year 7 students.

Our students had the opportunity to choose a book from a list of 17 titles, all of which have been carefully selected by a panel of experts to ensure quality, suitability and to encourage reading for pleasure. Students watched a film of the authors introducing their books, then they made their choice. This week, they received it as an early Christmas present. Do ask your child to show you their book, talk to them about it, read it together!









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