

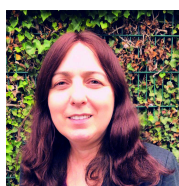


CURRICULUM NEWS

2024 Summer Term 1 - Post 16

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Deputy Headteacher's Welcome



It has been a busy half-term for the school. We hosted a SENCO Information Day this week, providing an opportunity for SENCOs to explore the implementation of the curriculum and assessment processes. This event was highly received, and SENCOs gained valuable strategies to implement in their own schools. I also had the opportunity to visit some classes with our visitors, who were truly amazed by our pupils' engagement in their learning.

Some pupils across all departments have been busy working towards their exams. They have demonstrated great resilience, and we wish them the best of luck.

As we get ready to head into the final half-term of the academic year, we will be saying goodbye to both our Year 11 and Year 14 pupils who will be moving on. We are planning leavers assemblies for both groups and will keep you informed of the dates.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy reading about the work pupils have been doing in class and how they are continuing to make really great progress towards their targets and EHCP outcomes.

Best wishes, Helen Georgiades, Deputy Headteacher

Teaching, Learning, Curriculum



I am delighted to report that we have had another productive, purposeful and busy half term. There has been lots of learning going on and progress is looking good across the school. Some pupils in Secondary East have been busy working towards their exams and have coped really well so far, they should be very proud! We have continued to work hard on developing and monitoring our curriculum so that pupils get the best education that is appropriately sequenced and adapted to meet their needs. Subject and faculty leads have been continuing with their subject quality assurance and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

As we approach our last half term of the year, I would like to thank parents and carers for all their support this year. I will now be going on maternity leave, but I look forward to coming back next year and hearing about all the positive things that have happened across the school.

Have a lovely half term break and enjoy the sunshine!

Best Wishes,

Molly Stopps

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
27th - 31st May	Half Term
1st June	Start of Pride Month
3rd June	INSET - No Pupils
4th June	Pupils back to school
6th June	Anniversary D-Day
13th June	ADHD Family Workshop 10.00am
13th June	Grove Governors
21st June	World Music Day
22nd June	Windrush Day
1th July	Emily Pankhurt's Birthday
18th July	Mandela Day
19th July	Pupil Progress Day - School is closed to Pupils
24th July	End of Term



Safeguarding Lead News - Miss Huseyin

This half term has been super busy and I have met or spoken to many of you for various reasons.

As always it is a pleasure to be invited into your homes and I feel honoured to work with you all to support our young people.

As we head to the final term of the academic year, I would urge the families to look out for the Parent News Special Editions, which highlight activities and days out and also share some disability information which some of you may not be aware of. The link on the website for the May addition is here: <https://us19.campaign-archive.com/?u=8bdeee5746eeb7c644e217394&id=d674eb0da7>

The final week of this half term we have been celebrating Mental Health Week, some of you may be interested in mental health support, there are a few great websites here:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

As always, thank you for your support. Looking forward to the next half term!

Best wishes, Nadine Huseyin
Designated Safeguarding & Senior Mental Health Lead
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Pastoral and Behaviour - Mr Louis Maunder

The sun has started to peek out and another half-term has whizzed by! Thankyou to everyone who has attend the Family Workshops and for your thoughtful feedback. We will be looking at ways to expand and improve our Family Workshops next year, so please do get in touch with any suggestions or comments. Thank you as well to all of the parents who have come in and worked closely with me regarding behaviour at home. I always love to have close links with families and ensure consistency of approach across settings.

This term we have introduced 'play buddies' onto the primary playground in which 6th Form and Secondary East pupils have been running activities and supporting play on the playground. The project is in it's early stages, but is already having success. The energy and enthusiasm on the playground has been wonderful to see.

I hope everyone enjoys a well deserved break and comes back ready for the final half-term!

Career News

We have had another very full term of Careers and Enrichment activities across the school which has been great. I think some of the highlights have been a Secondary East Careers trip to London Zoo, Secondary West trip to the Courtauld Gallery, the GCSE History pupils going to the Tower of London and all of our SCOPE careers sessions on site for years 11 and above. It, as always, has been wonderful to see how much our pupils get out of these experiences and the conversations they have about the new things they have learnt.

Next term continues to be busy with lots more to look forward to next term.

Coming up:

- 5 week mentoring program for year 11 pupils with linklaters
- Frameless trip an interactive art trip for pathway 1 pupils
- 'Igniting Futures' an employability/work skills programme for six year 10 pupils from Secondary East and Secondary West
- A sixth form trip to the 'Myths to Legend's exhibition at the V&A
- We are bridging in a Space dome for the Whole school in July as part of 'space week'

As always you can contact me below with any questions on next steps, careers or enrichment opportunities.

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Bronja Elton - Director of Sixth Form/Careers Lead

POST 16 NEWS

HEAD OF POST 16: MS ELTON

This term has flown by and I can't believe we are moving into the final term of the academic year! That being said it has been wonderful to see our year 14s completing their Functional Skills exams and BTEC Hospitality and Catering units. A huge thank you to the teachers that work so hard and supportively with the pupils to achieve this. I am really looking forward to them all receiving their certificates in July.

The cafe garden continues to thrive and we are beginning to see potatoes, tomatoes, beetroot, lettuce and carrots growing. I know that the pupils look forward to cooking with them, tasting them and watching the produce of all their hard work grow. It is always lovely to see how much they enjoy this.

We have launched a new initiative in the 6th form and pupils are now taking orders for staff paninis and delivering them on a Thursday. This is going really well and a fantastic opportunity for them to develop work skills. I look forward to seeing where this project goes.

I hope the sun comes out over the next week and we are all able to have a lovely break and a sunny bank holiday.

Please contact me if you have any questions:

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Bronja Elton

Director of 6th Form

Post 16 CLASS NEWS

MATHS (Miss Kyriacos)

This half term pupils have covered time. They have shown great progress in ordering the days of the week and months and seasons of the year. Some pupils could demonstrate how to use a calendar and answer more complex word problems. After we moved on to telling the time. All pupils in post 16 are able to identify o'clock timing with some making good progress on to half past and quarter past/to. It would be lovely if pupils began to wear an analogue or digital watch to school so we can extend their learning across the whole school day as well as out of school.

ICT (Miss Kyriacos)

In ICT we have been focussing on how to use digital cameras. Pupils have taken time to learn the names and use the functions of a digital camera as well as charging the cameras. Whilst out in the community they have experimented with the zoom in/out feature, video and still photo.

ENGLISH (Miss Jac)

This half term has been very demanding for P1 as they have been practicing for their entry level assessments in functional english all term. Well done to our Y14 pupils from P1 who have all now finally completed their entry level tests and have all been successful in passing their papers. Our over all theme for Summer Term 2024 is Entertainment and Leisure. In P2 we have been exploring local leisure facilities

such as Downhills Park and then presenting back to the class what we liked about it, we've enhanced our presentations with photographs from our visit so that the reader can get a good overview of the facility.

Next term, we look forward to exploring and commenting on more entertainment and leisure facilities in the area.

CATERING (Miss Dawn)

This has been an exciting term for our catering pupils as we are now providing hot paninis with a variety of fillings once a week for staff. Pupils are taking orders from staff, then preparing and delivering them. The pupils have loved the opportunity to interact with staff and apply the catering skills that they have been developing.

The pupils are now preparing lunch for each other, four times a week. Below are links to the websites with versions of our recipes on them. Please give them a try. All of the pupils have been really enjoying making the meals. If you and your child make them at home - I'd love to see some pictures of how they turn out

- [Chicken pie](#)
- [Vegetable pasta bake](#)
- [Lemon drizzle cake](#)

Pupils have also been continuing to gather evidence for either their Hospitality and Catering or Home Cooking skills Btec's. Congratulations to our year 14's who have now completed these courses.

Gardening (Miss Dawn)

This term we have begun to develop a small plot on a local allotment and we have also been making great use of the

6th form garden. We already have a fantastic variety of vegetables growing which includes potatoes, courgettes, mangetout, beetroot, tomatoes, carrots and butternut squash. We've also started growing the herbs parsley, chives, and marjoram. We are looking forward to being able to incorporate them into our amazing lunches!

HOME LEARNING

Maths: Continue to practise saying and ordering months of the year. There are lots of YouTube songs linked to this here. Use clocks at home and when out in the local area to find opportunities to practise telling the time.

ICT: Practise your typing and coordination skills TypeDojo.com. If you have access to the internet pupils could try logging into their school email from home and sending emails to family members. Continue to take lots of pictures using digital cameras e.g. on mobile phones).

English: Home learning - Try to go out and about as much as possible, become familiar with the local area around your home and continue to develop those important leisure interests. Encourage your young person to document their experience in a way that is meaningful to them. As always continue to encourage your young person to read for pleasure regularly at home.

Catering: All of the 6th form pupils take part in the preparation of the meals that they eat. All of the pupils can independently peel, chop and slice fruit

and vegetables. Most of them can independently weigh amounts using digital scales. Most of them can also follow a straightforward recipe. They can all wash up and dry up too. Please encourage them to do these things at home.



Gallery



Using an electric whisk and making chicken kebabs



Delivering Paninis to Miss Santi



Potting-on seedlings in the 6th form garden and our first courgette plant growing at the allotment