



Parent Bulletin Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to report that the exams have started very well this week and we have been really impressed with the attitude of our Year 11 and 13 students. I am sure this will continue for the rest of the exams and hope it is backed up by plenty of revision at home.

Last week we had a group of Year 12 students go away for a great Duke of Edinburgh expedition. It was a great success and we have another one this weekend for Year 10 students. Hopefully the weather will be kind once again.

Seniores is our enrichment club for Year 11, 12 and 13 students who get the opportunity to hear from guest speakers about the work and career. This week over 40 Year 10 students came along to find out more about it. They will soon get the chance to apply for a place in the club next year.

Today I enjoyed a great Hot Chocolate Friday with some Sixth Form students. They had so much to say and are great ambassadors for the school. That was followed by a fantastic round of Student President interviews. We'll be announcing the result soon and I'm pleased to report that the quality of candidates was excellent.

I am sure many parents are concerned about the community challenges at the moment that have led to Section 60 police powers in the town. There appears to have been a worrying rise with knife crime and this needs to stop. All schools work closely with the police to share the information we need to with students and we will soon have the police's Knife Arch back in school to help remind our students that their safety is really important to us. I hope it will return before the end of term and will involve screening all students as they come into school. I urge all parents to remind their children of safe behaviours and choices in the community.

Next week we break up on Friday for the half term break at the usual end of the school day. Have a good weekend.

Peter Collins
Headteacher

News and Information

Thames Valley Athletics Centre 30th May – 2nd June

Startrack is an athletics camp that has been running for over 10 years for ages 5-13 year olds. They coach all three aspects of athletics giving the children a chance to try out and compete against each other in a fun and engaging environment. They also hold a number of events; long jump and high jump, shot put, javelin, and running events anywhere from 50 metres up to 1500 metres depending on age.

Please see the attached information from TVAC



This week's Collective Worship reflection is:

Dear Lord

Thank you that we can trust you, whatever situation we find ourselves in.

Please help us to be people whom others can trust.

Please give us people whom we can trust.

Please help us to be good friends to those around us.

Please also help us to forgive when needed.

Amen

