



Parent Bulletin Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all the parents and carers of students in Years 7, 10, 11 and 13 who attended our *Welcome* meetings last night. The attendance in all years was fantastic and I hope the information shared was useful. Next week we look forward to welcoming parents of Years 8, 9 and 12 into school on Thursday as follows:

- Year 8 – 18:00 – 19:00
- Year 9 - 18:00 – 19:00
- Year 12 – 19:00 – 20:00

We will also be sharing the details with parents via WEDUC and on the website.

Nearly New Uniform Shop – Mrs Lombard

This is open every from 8-8.30am and 3-4pm and is run by students. We sell good quality second hand uniform and brand new donated items. If you have anything that no longer fits your child please consider donating it at Reception so we can give it a new home.

Free School Meals – Mrs Bow

If you receive benefits, schools may receive additional funding and your child could be tucking into a tasty meal. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals you can find more details from Slough Borough Council <https://www.slough.gov.uk/education-help-financial-support/free-school-meals>.

How do I apply?

- Please ask at our Reception for a form to complete, or
- Complete the online application at <https://www.slough.gov.uk/xfp/form/244>

Why apply?

- School meals provide a healthy, nutritious and tasty meal
- Research shows that a school meal can help concentration levels
- Menus are varied and are available from the school
- The government pays schools a Pupil Premium for each child eligible. This money can be used to support progress and achievement.
- Your child does not need to have the meal to be eligible and may get some extra support.

Can my child get free school meals?

Yes, if you receive one of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 Child Tax Credit and those whose annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) does not exceed the income threshold set by the Treasury.
- The 'Guarantee' element of the State Pension Credit

Please note: PARENTS RECEIVING WORKING TAX CREDIT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE



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Independent Study

This is what we call homework and applies to all students. Mr Thatcher, Deputy Headteacher, has written to all parents about it this week. Please check your WEDUC account for the details.

Finally, here is a list of key dates for you for the autumn term:

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| • Monday 18 th September | Year 6 to Year 7 Open Evening | 16:30 – 18:30 |
| • Thursday 28 th September | Year 12 Preparing for Success Evening | 16:00 – 19:00 |
| • Thursday 5 th October | Year 7, APP & Year 12 Meet the Tutor | 16:00 – 19:00 |
| • Thursday 19 th October | Sixth Form Open Evening (MWE) | 16:00 – 19:00 |
| • Friday 20 th October | End of half term | |
| • Monday 23 – Friday 27 October | Half Term | |
| • 23 rd November | Year 9 Parents' Evening | 16:00 – 19:00 |
| • Friday 1 st December | INSET Day | School closed |
| • Wed 13 and Thurs 14 December | Whole School Musical | 17:00 – 19:00 |

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Peter Collins
Headteacher

News and Information

Students attending the Medical Room asking for medication

Please can you be mindful that the Medical Room does not carry medication other than medicine that has been brought in and signed for by a parent for their child to take during the school day. We are not able to supply, for example, paracetamol, ibuprofen, hay fever or allergy medicines. If your son or daughter requires medication during the day please can you ensure that you have brought this in to our Reception and completed the necessary forms for our staff to administer this.

Collective Worship Reflection

Living life in all its fullness – Corinthians 12:25-27

“so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness (John 10:10)