



Parent Bulletin Friday 2nd February

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy week at school. Careers week has brought a range of events including Year 11 Business Interview Day, Year 7 Enterprise Day and a session from the Atomic Weapons Institute alongside careers details in lessons. I hope we have given students plenty to think about.

Thank you to all the Year 8 parents who attended school last night for parents' evening. There was a great buzz throughout the evening as we were pleased to welcome so many parents into school.

Next week we have a focus on Safer Internet Day in school when we will help focus students on making sensible and safe choices when online and a Chinese food themed day in the restaurant. I would also like to remind parents that school is closed to students on Friday for our annual Trust INSET Day which is followed by a week off for the half-term holiday.

We have been focussing on ensuring students get to lessons as quickly as possible and next week will write to the parents of students who are not getting there on time. Please check this with your child and support the school if we contact you.

Have a great weekend.
Peter Collins
Headteacher

News and information

Exam Certificates – Miss Ahearn

If any of your children attended our school and did not collect their GCSE or A Level certificates, can you please ask them to contact tah@slougheton.com

Original certificates are needed for university applications and when applying for jobs in the future. If they are not collected students will need to contact exam boards direct to get new ones, which can be very expensive.



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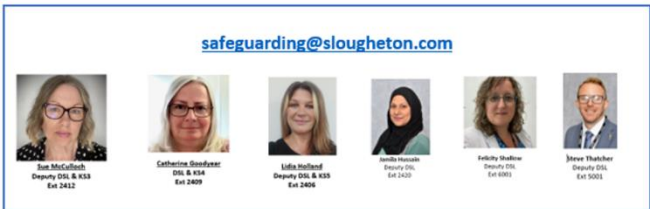
Get into Teaching – Miss Shallow



The QR code in the flyer provides all of the necessary booking information, which can also be found at [Get Into Teaching: South East | Get Into Teaching GOV.UK \(education.gov.uk\)](#)

International Day of Zero Tolerance – Miss Goodyear – please see attachment

International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation falls on February 6 each year. Despite being in the 21st century, it’s deeply disturbing that this violent tradition still exists. You’d be surprised how common it is — from Africa and Eastern Europe to Arab countries, Asia, and Latin America. Removing external female genitalia has roots in thousands of years of gender inequality. Some cultures view it as a rite of passage into womanhood. Others practice it to control a woman’s sexuality and pleasure. The U.N. General Assembly has declared February 6 as International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation to raise awareness about this humanitarian crisis. There is some information attached for you to read, details of organisations that can help are on page 8. You can also ask our Safeguarding Team for support safeguarding@slougheton.com



Collective Worship Reflection

This week we look at three different religions and their guidance on positive Mental Health. We also raise awareness of National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week as we look at our C.H.R.I.S.T like value RESPONSIBILITY for this term. Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5 to 11 February 2024, with the theme of My Voice Matters. It was set up by children's mental health charity Place2Be and shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health.

Our struggles are meant to be shared.

Scripture does not encourage to take our battles away from God--but invites us to share our struggles with God and the community of faith.

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” [Isaiah 40:28-31]

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

