



Parent Bulletin Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all the parents of Year 9 students who attended last night's Options Evening. It was great to see so many here and to hear the great discussions about choices for Years 10 and 11. Please do continue these conversations at home. Whilst our Year 9 students are starting the process of preparing for the GCSE years this week our Year 11s began their final mock exams starting with English. Attitudes were excellent and we hope this will continue. Next week's mock exams are in Biology and Chemistry.

As parents will know attendance at school is really important and we make no apology for chasing up absence and declining avoidable requests for children to come out of school. I'm pleased to share that the efforts of parents and students to attend school well have been recognised with two awards we received this week for being in the top 10% of similar schools and the top 25% of all schools for our student attendance last term. I really hope this continues for the rest of the school year.

Next week we have our annual Multi-Cultural Day and Evening. The evening show is now sold out and students have had clear guidance about what they can wear during the day. This promises to be a day of colour and celebration which we are all looking forward to.

Finally, my congratulations to Elsa and Dakshayani from Year 10 who have both been elected to join the Slough Youth Parliament. It is great to have Slough and Eton students representing the local student community and I am sure they will do a fantastic job.

Have a good weekend.
Peter Collins
Headteacher

News and Information

Multicultural Day 6th March 2024 - Miss Ali

The annual Multicultural Day is a very exciting day for the Slough and Eton school community to display their cultures and raise awareness and educate others about it. You will dress in your own cultural outfits and take part in cultural activities in your lessons and lunchtime. Students may wish to wear the clothing in the colours of their national flag as well.

Some of you will be part of running these activities and others will enjoy participating and learning about each other's cultures. Please do not choose an easy outfit that is handy to you, wear something that represents your own culture.

Multicultural Evening 6th March 2024 – Miss Ali

The evening show starts promptly at 5:00pm and doors close at 4:55pm. **Anyone arriving late will be refused entry.**

Have fun and enjoy the cultures of the Slough and Eton community.



Collective Worship Reflection

This term our focus is on the Christian value, **Initiative** and this week we focus on the importance of reading.

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 7 March 2024.

World Book Day is a perfect opportunity to remind children of the importance of reading and it really helps to spark their enthusiasm and get them excited to pick up a new book. Stories offer your child so much and play a vital role in their growth and development.

"Writing and reading decrease our sense of isolation. They deepen and widen and expand our sense of life: They feed the soul. When writers make us shake our heads with the exactness of their prose and their truths, and even make us laugh about ourselves or life, our buoyancy is restored. We are given a shot at dancing with, or at least clapping along with, the absurdity of life, instead of being squashed by it over and over again. It's like singing on a boat during a terrible storm at sea. You can't stop the raging storm, but singing can change the hearts and spirits of the people who are together on that ship." – Anne Lamott, *Bird by Bird*

Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift.

"Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers." – Charles W. Eliot

Week 4 th - 8 th of March 2024	
Daily	
Monday	"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."
Tuesday	"Books are mirrors: You only see in them what you already have inside you."
Wednesday	"Books and doors are the same thing. You open them, and you go through into another world."
Thursday	"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."
Friday	"Reading makes immigrants of us all. It takes us away from home, but more important, it finds homes for us everywhere."

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