



## Parent Bulletin Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### Multi-Cultural Evening

I must begin today by celebrating with you all the fantastic day and evening we had here on Wednesday. Our annual Multi-Cultural event is always one which generates excitement in school and Wednesday was no exception. We had a real buzz in school during the day with students dressed to both impress and celebrate the vast array of cultural backgrounds in our school community. In the evening we had a sell-out show to a packed school hall with some wonderful performances from students and staff followed by a great buffet. My thanks to all who supported, attended and participated. It really was fantastic.

### Ramadan

Next week marks the start of Ramadan for many of our students and staff. We are always supportive of this in school and, as usual, PE lessons will be adapted where needed. We will also hold true to our mantra of *No Excuses* and not allow Ramadan to be a reason why expectations for work or effort in school would be lower. Our school day and lessons will be 'business as usual'. I will be fasting again with students this year to support my decision making by understanding the effects of fasting and look forward to discussing this with students once again.

### Mobile Phones

There has been a great deal of talk in the press about this and whether they will be banned in school. Some students are definitely far too reliant on them and that needs to change. We believe we have a policy on mobile phones that should work well with school life and the Government's expectations without the need for a complete ban. I will be reminding students of this on Monday and we will be enforcing it rigidly. For clarity to parents, this policy is as follows:

- Mobile phones are only to be used before school, at break, lunch and after school
- Earphones are not to be worn unless it is at a time when phones are allowed
- Mobile phones can only be used in a lesson if a teacher enables that for supporting the learning
- Mobile phones used and the wrong times will be confiscated and locked in the safe for parents to collect at Reception. There will be no exceptions to this.

### Lateness to Lesson Detentions

From Monday we will be starting whole-school detentions for lateness to lessons. If a student arrives late to class and without a good reason they will be marked late by their teacher and have a detention the next school day until 3.15pm. We will send parents a message through WEDUC the day before to let them know this is happening and their period 6 teachers will bring them to the Hall for their detention at the end of the day. Fortunately, this is completely avoidable if students ensure they get to lessons on time.

I wish you all a good weekend and Ramadan Mubarak to all observing Ramadan from next week.

Best wishes  
Peter Collins  
Headteacher



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## News and Information

### Domestic Abuse – Mrs Goodyear

The Women's Aid *Survivor's Handbook* about Domestic Abuse is available in several languages. Click on this link to see what is available <https://www.womensaid.org.uk/information-support/the-survivors-handbook/>



### What is domestic abuse?

Women's Aid define domestic abuse as an incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour, including sexual violence, in the majority of cases by a partner or ex-partner, but also by a family member or carer. It is very common. In the vast majority of cases it is experienced by women and is perpetrated by men.

Domestic abuse can include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Coercive control (a pattern of intimidation, degradation, isolation and control with the use or threat of physical or sexual violence)
- Psychological and/or emotional abuse.
- Physical or sexual abuse.
- Financial or economic abuse.
- Harassment and stalking.
- Online or digital abuse.

The attached booklet is an easy to read version of guidance issued by Victim Support. There are further details on our website <https://www.slougheton.com/about/safeguarding>

Domestic abuse affects the children too. If you are worried about a Slough & Eton student and you would like to speak to somebody in school contact our Safeguarding Team [safeguarding@slougheton.com](mailto:safeguarding@slougheton.com)



## Collective Worship

This term our focus is on our Christian value, **initiative**. This week is Science week with the theme of time and we look at key figures who have used their time wisely to excel and hope this will encourage our students to use their initiative and do the same.

It is the duty of every student to value time and manage it properly so that the task can be completed. Time is more valuable than money. Lost money can be earned back but lost time cannot be and nothing can stop the flow of time in our lives. Time is precious and it is required that everyone should use it wisely. Time is finite but also infinite. Time is the most treasured thing in our lives that makes us disciplined and helps us lead a good life. Wastage of time can hamper our growth and success. We must use our time efficiently to excel in life.

**The Science department will be leading the Collective Worship discussion on Ethics and AI.**

The rapid rise in **artificial intelligence (AI)** has created **many opportunities globally**, from facilitating healthcare diagnoses to enabling human connections through social media and creating labour efficiencies through automated tasks.

However, these rapid changes also raise **profound ethical concerns**. These arise from the potential AI systems have to embed biases, contribute to climate degradation, threaten human rights and more.

We also look to others and their special days. Celebrated annually on March 17, St. Patrick's Day is a holiday known for parades, shamrocks and all things Irish. St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely known figures.

### Our Prayer this week

*Dear Lord, when our life on earth is done, may we stand before you and hear the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." Father, we know our time on earth is but a few words in the cosmic story. Help us to use our time wisely, and leave our mark when our time is done. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen*

Week 11-15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 Daily Collective Worship- Initiative: Ethics, AI and Time	
Monday	The great dividing line between success and failure can be expressed in five words: I did not have time.
Tuesday	Jeff Bezos Says AI Is 'More Likely to Save Us Than Destroy Us'
Wednesday	Einstein determined that time is relative—in other words, the rate at which time passes depends on your frame of reference.
Thursday	"As more and more artificial intelligence is entering into the world, more and more emotional intelligence must enter into leadership."
Friday	What are you spending your time on today and is it adding or taking away from your life?

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