



Sister Cinzia

You will recall that our chaplain, Sister Cinzia, returned to Italy last Autumn in order to prepare for her final vows. This preparation is now complete and on Sunday she will make her final profession in Brecia in northern Italy. Father David, Miss Bevilacqua and myself will be attending the service to represent the school and to take to Sister the prayers and best wishes of the students and staff. Please remember her in your prayers this weekend together with her order and the Italian community in Peterborough.

Student Absences

Parents are reminded that you need to contact the school if your child is absent. This is best done by phone on the first day of absence. A written explanation should also be sent in with the student when he or she returns to school. We are sending text messages to parents when their child fails to arrive at school but not receiving a very high level of response. If you receive a text message and have not already contacted the school to explain where your child is, please ring the school immediately to let us know.

Our system requires correct phone numbers for parents. If you have changed your number please let the school know as soon as possible.

The School Field

Work is finally starting on improving the surface of the field. I explained previously that we have not yet taken the field back into use as we were not happy with the quality of the surface. We have now negotiated an arrangement with our grounds maintenance firm to repair the surface. The downside of this is that the new grass is unlikely to be ready to use until September. Although this is a short-term inconvenience, the governors felt that it would be better in the long run to have the matter rectified now.

Year 11 Newsletter

This weekly newsletter goes to all students every Friday but we are finding an increasing amount of information needs to be included that is specifically for Year 11. For this reason, we are producing a different newsletter for Year 11 from this week. That newsletter will focus on messages for students in that year group and their parents. I would ask that Year 11 parents make sure that they see this separate newsletter each week. We will continue in this way until the end of May.

Impressive Students

I was delighted to hear this week that students from Year 9 who have visited Peterborough Regional College for interviews for courses next year, have been commended for their behaviour and the mature way in which they represented the school. It is always good to receive such feedback and helps us ensure that the courses remain available for the following year group.

In a similar way we had several messages following Year 10 Work Experience commending the school on the behaviour and attitude of the students. Again, it is a great help when trying to find places for students to have had good feedback the previous year: employers are then keen to take our students again.

Congratulations and thank you to those that this applies to.

Sean Hayes

Drama News

Many congratulations to our Drama and Theatre Studies A Level students for doing so well in their AS and A2 practical exams last Friday. All students were placed in the top band for their technical accomplishment with 2 students gaining full marks (Shaunagh Mc Clean and Joe Hostead).

This week we celebrate the success of students in the RE department

RE Students of the Month

Progress

Yr 7	Josephine Smith
Yr 8	Viktorija Sapizenkaite, Aleksandra Tetnowski
Yr 9	Clarissa Philips, Kelsie Clarke
Yr 10	Patryk Zakrocki, Rochelle Da Silva
Yr 11	Karl Mould, Pawel Falkowski
Yr 12	Natalia Marcfeld
Yr 13	Katie Rushmer

Achievement

Yr 7	Andrew Bellars
Yr 8	Mahaliah Meriales, Grace Murfitt
Yr 9	Lisamarie Jones, Hirra Hussain
Yr 10	Chyanna Pascual, Lauren Tappenden
Yr 11	Mariam Iqbal, Mardiya Aurangzeb
Yr 12	Michael Wiles
Yr 13	Hannah Bolton



Congratulations and well done to all.

Get on in school / Get online at home

Home Access is a government drive that helps low-income families who currently do not have access to a computer and/or internet to get online at home. If you are a low-income family in receipt of certain benefits you could qualify for a grant to buy a computer and/or a minimum of one years' internet access.

Are you eligible?

Take the quick eligibility check below. You may be able to qualify for a Home Access Grant if you answer YES to three questions in Section one and at least one question in Section two.

Section One:

Are you a parent or guardian responsible for and living with a child:

- who is in school Years 3 to 9 inclusive?
- who attends a state-maintained school in England full time?
- who has not already had a computer from a Home Access Grant or similar programme, such as Computers for Pupils?

Section Two:

Do you receive at least one of the following?

- Free school meals for your child
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income support
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and an income of less than £16,190
- Guaranteed Pension Credit (not Savings Credit) Income-based Employment Support Allowance Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Do you qualify?

If you think you qualify for a Home Access Grant please call the Home Access Grant Helpline on **0333 200 1004*** to get an application form.

For carers and foster parents

If you are a foster carer for Looked After Children in Years 1 to 13 then you could also get a Home Access Grant. Please visit www.homeaccess.org.uk for more information or call the Home Access Grant Helpline on **0333 200 1004** to get an application form.

Cricketing success

Michael Jones (Year 11) has recently been spotted while playing cricket for local teams and has been for trials for Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. He trained with the full Notts County first team and bowled with, and at, several cricketing stars. He has been taken on by Lincolnshire County Cricket board and has several forthcoming matches against other County Cricket boards. Michael plays locally for Burghley Park Mens, Burghley Park under 17s and Easton on the Hill Mens, near Stamford. He also plays for the Peterborough Schools Under 18 team.

News from the Music Dept

Thank you to all those students who took the time to prepare songs and sing them at the Summer Showcase auditions. We had over twenty groups and soloists auditioning for the solo spots, and the competition was fierce. Choosing the soloists was a very difficult decision as we heard enough brilliant auditions to fill two concerts! The successful students names have been published outside the music room, and a rehearsal schedule will follow shortly. Thank you to everyone one who auditioned!

Duke of Edinburgh News

Last Saturday 18 D of E (Bronze) students spent the day at Wakerley Woods in glorious sunshine, map reading and cooking their own dinners on camping stoves. They put into practice micro-navigation techniques and managed to find all the hidden orienteering markers in the dense woods. At times some groups were so quiet they saw lots of wildlife, flora and fauna including several muntjac deer and a slow worm. Our students showed outstanding culinary skills and cooked such delights as spaghetti bolognaise, kebabs and eggs and bacon – all on small camping stoves. One group managed to cook and eat 20 rashers of bacon! Our next activity is 8/9 May: a 2 day expedition including an overnight camp around Rutland Water.

Year 10 Exam alert

Dates for the Year 10 modular exams this summer:-

May		
Tues 18	1.15 start	Religious Studies - Religious Life/Roman Catholic Christianity
June		
Mon 7	9.15 start	Design & Technology – Product Design
Wed 9	9.15 start	History
Mon 14	9.15 start	Geography – Geographical Skills
Thurs 17	1.15 start	Geography – Natural Environment
Mon 28	9.15 start	Core Science Modules

PLEASE NOTE – for a 9.15 start students should go to form time as usual and then report to the Sports Hall at 9.00 am. For a 1.15 start students should go to lunch at 12.15 and report to the Sports Hall at 1.00 pm.

All students have been given their individual timetables and a copy has been posted home to parents. If students require a replacement copy please see the Exams Officer, Mrs Whitfield, in the Exams office.

Modern Foreign Language exams – if students are taking an exam in their home language please see your teacher or Madam Haine regarding the dates for these exams.