



Half Term

Today we begin our half term holiday. I know that those taking exams will be busy revising over the holiday and I wish them all well. Please view the times for revision sessions over half term on the back of this newsletter. We start back on Tuesday 25 February and it will be Week 2.

Acts of Kindness

Thank you to Cambridge House for organising the Valentine's flowers this week. It has been lovely walking around and seeing students receiving and giving flowers.

News from the Diocese

After a long council meeting on Wednesday, the plans to open a new Catholic Primary School in Hampton have been approved. Thank you for all the support received.

Kate Pereira

Cambridge House Acts of Kindness

During the year, all Houses have a window of opportunity to think about how they can accomplish acts of kindness. For the second year running, Cambridge House arranged a flower delivery for St Valentine's



Day. This was a non-profit making venture and quite an administrative feat, with orders being taken for different colour flowers and then a complicated delivery process. As usual the students rose to the challenge magnificently and all flowers were successfully delivered a day early - never let anyone say that SJF is not ahead of the game! Well done to Cambridge House students for demonstrating their kindness to others and thanks also to Mrs Helcoop for her hard work and impeccable horticultural contacts.

**Academic Tutoring
Year 7:
24 February - 6 March**

Learning Support Visit to Planet Ice

Last week a group of intrepid Year 9 students ventured to Planet Ice as part of their Learning Support life skills programme. Some of the students were extremely nervous about going skating and not sure if it was something they wanted to do. The staff were impressed with the resilience of all the students, who overcame their fears and had a go. Soon they were all skating around the ice, under the expert eye of Godfrey, our resident skating superstar. Well done to all the students for overcoming their fears and supporting each other during the afternoon. Thank you also to Ms Harold, Mrs Brown and Mr Stanford for their help during the afternoon.



Year 9 Options

The deadline for Year 9s to select their options choices is today - Friday 14 February! At the time of writing there were a number of students who had still not done this. The options website will remain active over half term so any students who have not made choices need to do so by Monday 24 February. After this date the website will be 'locked' to students, so anyone wishing to select options or make changes after this date will need to see Miss Wilson. Thank you to parents for their support for the students during this time.



February half-term revision

Below is the timetable for revision and coursework intervention. Please note the day, year group and room. Those attending are required to sign in with their teachers and should have been invited to the session.

| Monday – 17 February | | | |
|---|-------|------|------------------|
| Subject & Year | Staff | Room | Times |
| Business – Year 13 | EC | 103 | 9am – 3pm |
| Health & Social Care Year 13 | ES | 113 | 10am – 3pm |
| Product Design Year 11 | SI | 305 | 9am – 3pm |
| Tuesday – 18 February | | | |
| Subject & Year | Staff | Room | Times |
| Business – Year 13 | EC | 103 | 9am – 3pm |
| Health & Social Care Year 13 | ES | 113 | 10am – 3pm |
| Wednesday – 19 February | | | |
| Subject & Year | Staff | Room | Times |
| Business – Year 13 | EC | 103 | 9am – 3pm |
| Health & Social Care Year 13 | ES | 113 | 10am – 3pm |
| English - Year 13 | ME | 110 | 9am – 3pm |
| Thursday – 20 February | | | |
| Subject & Year | Staff | Room | Times |
| Media – Year 13 | SV | 205 | 10.30am – 2.30pm |
| Friday – 21 February: No revision sessions | | | |

Bagel Breakfast

The cold weather seems to have brought out a desire for warming bagels in the morning. Our bagel breakfast is more popular than ever with many students choosing to start the day eating breakfast together. All students are welcome and breakfast is provided every morning. Thank you to Mrs Reid and Mrs Vickers and all the other staff and student volunteers for continuing to ensure this runs smoothly.



Sensory Garden Update

Now we are emerging from winter the Sensory Garden is ready for Phase Two of works. Last year we completed the hard landscaping. Now we are about to embark on several months of hard work in order to complete it. There will be a gardening club after school every Tuesday from 3 March and all students are welcome to take part. We are also beginning to introduce gardening into the curriculum. Our priorities for the next few months are painting arches, putting up the greenhouse, preparing the ground and planting up the central part of the garden. At the same time students will be starting to plan what they are going to grow in the produce section of the garden. We are then aiming to complete the wildlife area and the pond.

If any parents have equipment or plants they would like to donate we would be grateful. Even small cuttings from perennials or spare packs of seeds would be very useful to us. We are also looking for anyone with contacts in the building trade to help us to access some stone for the pond edging at a reasonable price. If any parents feel they can help out, please contact Miss Wilson in school.