



Westminster House Mass

On Tuesday morning Father Piotr and Father Jeffrey celebrated the final House Mass for this year. Unfortunately we had had to change the date and it meant that Year 10 students were unable to attend as they had exams. Despite that, those present participated well and it was a prayerful and reflective occasion.

Parents Evening

Years 7 and 10 have Parents Evening on Tuesday 23 May. As usual, this will take place from 2.30-6.30 and students will be dismissed at 2pm that day. Letters with further details have been e-mailed home and online appointments should be made in advance of the evening please.

Year 11 Examinations

Formal written GCSE exams begin on Monday with RE. Students need to follow their personal timetables for all exams and parents are asked to check each evening that students are clear about what exam they have when, and that they have the right equipment. Last week I wrote about study leave arrangements for the Sixth Form. Year 11 do not have study leave but instead continue in class until most of their exams are complete. As we go through the exam season we will adjust their timetables to include more lessons in subjects where the exam is still to come in place of those where the exam is complete. This will mean a lot of change but will make best use of the time available.

For students who are continuing into Year 12, your Induction Day will be on Thursday 22 June. The Year 11 Leavers' Liturgy will take place on Friday 23 June at 9am. Students will be dismissed that day at break and this will be the last day they need to attend as Year 11.

Ramadan

Ramadan 2017 begins at the start of half term and so all of the GCSE and A level exams in June will fall during this holy month. Muslim students will be fasting and will need to take additional care to be ready for their examinations. We cannot alter the timing or other arrangements for exams so it is important that students and families make appropriate preparations, including resting between exams. We will issue some further advice to our Muslim students just before half term.

Sean Hayes

Update on Options

Meetings have now taken place with all Year 9 students confirming their three option subjects at GCSE. All students have been told that if they change their mind, or have any questions, they can see Miss Wilson at any time up until the end of term.

Sixth Form

Year 11 students who have applied to our school Sixth form have been meeting with Miss Wilson this week to talk about options. If any student wishes to make a late application to Sixth form it will still be considered. All other students should have been attending college interviews. If any parent is concerned about their child's post 16 choices they can contact Miss Wilson at school.

Independent Advice and Guidance

We are very lucky to have an Independent Careers Advisor in school, whom many students have already seen. Mrs Carter has a programme of meetings throughout the year and sees students in Year 9 all the way through to Year 13. We are very grateful to her for the sound advice she gives and for the effort she makes to build up relationships with the students. Mrs Carter is currently meeting with Year 10s to start thinking about post-16 choices. She will also be doing some work with year 10s on apprenticeships later on this term, so that they can clearly understand all the options open to them.



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Year 11 Learning Support

With the GCSE examinations beginning in earnest next week, it is a very difficult time for all students, particularly those with Special Educational Needs. Miss Wilson and Mrs Sennett will be holding an Inclusion drop in after school on Monday from 3.15 – 4.00 for any parents of Year 11 students with SEND, who would like to discuss how best to support their child's learning and well-being during the next few weeks.

Year 11 Revision Sessions Reminders

Media: Exam revision session to be held on Saturday 20 May from 11-3pm. All students are welcome/expected.

Science: Please find below details of Year 11 revision sessions taking place next week:

	w/c 15 May
Thursday P5 Mrs Udejaja	B6 Foundation
Thursday P5 Mrs Elliott	B6 Higher
Tuesday P5 Mrs Drummond	C6 Foundation
Tuesday P5 Mrs Shaw	C6 Higher
Weds/Thurs Lunch Mr Davis	P6 Foundation
Mon/Tues Lunch Miss Hayes	P6 Higher

Congratulations

Congratulations to Aisha Faisal from R7 who won the email competition. The draw was made earlier this week and she very happily received the iPad.



Congratulations also to Sara Kuszyk who won the draw for a £25 Nando's voucher for her 100% attendance in the Spring term. The prize is sponsored by Vision for Education based in Peterborough. Both students were from Rochester house and are pictured above with Miss Stevens and Mrs D'Ambrosia.

Academic Tutoring – Year 7
15 May – 19 May

Cambridge Blue Day

On Friday 5 May Cambridge celebrated their Blue Day with a variety of activities on the theme of “All the fun of the fair”.

Great fun was had by all those who participated in the activities which included a nerf gun ‘shooting gallery’, ‘play your cards right’, balancing coins on a lemon floating in a jar, a chocolate raffle, the lolly lottery and home-made scratch cards. On sale were ice pops, sweets and doughnuts.



Our fundraising for Blue Day totalled £143. Particular thanks go to the tutors who worked so hard during their entire lunch break, supported by their tutees. Well done to all who took part and we look forward to making next year’s event bigger and better.

Mrs P Helcoop

Year 8 - HPA project

Over the holidays, year 8 students were asked to create projects that revolve around the idea of Pythagoras theorem that could be used to explain to the rest of their class what the key ideas are and how it works. Three students (Emmi Pollard, Julena Farrimond, and Xyzanyn Valmonte) decided to join forces and “GO BIG” with their project. The theme of the project was focused on the old arcade game Donkey Kong and Mario. The girls built their own arcade machine with a 3D version of the game on the inside.

They brought this in with an accompanying game involving cake. They asked the rest of the class to answer a worksheet they had made and if they completed it correctly the ladies, gave them a slice of cake. I wanted to say a big thank you and well done to the girls and also keep up the outstanding work!!

Mr O'Hara

