



## Real Exams

After much mention of exams and coursework all year the written exams start this coming week with GCSE English on Tuesday. Year 11 have their final assembly that morning and will then continue lessons around exams until 17 June. Additional information for all exams is included in this newsletter.

At the same time Year 10 students have a week of Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) next week and an outline of the timetable is shown below. Students have been issued with individual timetables which they should check.

	Period 1	Periods 2 & 3	Period 4
Tues 3 May	Maths Ppr 1	Spanish (List) French	
Wed 4 May	<u>Option Block C subjects</u> Business Spanish (Read) Geography	Statistics Product Des Home Lang	<u>Option Block A subjects</u> Business Sports Studies Computing French (Read) Geography
Thur 5 May	<u>Option Block B subjects</u> History Computing French (Read)	Maths Ppr 2	Science
Fri 6 May	Food Tech	English	RE
Mon 9 May	Art		

## Ignite Festival

This event takes place this weekend in Swaffham. A good number of our students are attending and we trust that you will have an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Students attending are:

Nuno Andrade  
Reno Briedis  
Amanda D'Cruz  
Cristina Femminile  
Umberto Femminile  
Lukas Kadziulis  
Gilda Lleshi  
Bianca Miglietti  
Chinazo Okeke  
Paulo Rocha  
Mantas Slajus  
Karol Wasilewski

Tyreece Glave  
Hubert Kuc  
Madeline Mason  
Kevin Mirga  
Ivo Ribeiro  
Lukas Sapka  
Shania Steer



## May Day Bank Holiday

A reminder that school is closed on Monday for this holiday.

*Sean Hayes*



## Exams: important notes

Students should make sure they have all the equipment they need for the exam – at least 2 black ink pens (no gel pens as these do not scan in the equipment used by the exam boards for marking), 2 pencils, a ruler, rubber, sharpener and a calculator. Coloured pencils and highlighters are required for some exams and students will have been told. These items should be in a clear pencil case.

Full school uniform should be worn to every exam. Please also remember that if your child is ill on the day of the exam, you must call and let the school know. You may need to provide a doctor's note to send to the exam board.

Please ensure your child has read the Exam Handbook that appears on the website, as this contains important legal information about their exams. It is their responsibility to read and abide by the information contained in there.

Students have been issued with personal timetables and it is imperative that these are followed. We would urge parents to check this each evening for the following day. Please be especially careful not to confuse the length of the exam with the start time.

If a student is late we will start trying to contact them or the parents: please ensure that we have the correct contact details on the system.

Remember that lessons for Year 11 continue until 17 June and for Year 13 until 27 May.

I have mentioned in previous newsletters that as Ramadan begins during the exam season this year some advice has been provided for students about how to approach this obligation and still complete the exams. Letters about this were issued to students this week and we hope that the advice is helpful to you.

If there is anything more we can do to assist please contact the school, but be aware that we cannot alter the times of the exams as this is not something we control.

## Sky Sports: Living for Sport

On Wednesday 20 April, 17 students took part in an initiative called the Sky Sports: Living for Sport programme. We were privileged to welcome Anthony Clark, who has represented GB in Badminton, and Nicola Minichiello, who has represented GB in Bobsleigh. Students took part in various workshops based around Sky's 6 keys for success. These are:

Mental toughness	Hunger to achieve
People skills	Sports and life knowledge
Breaking barriers	Planning for success

At the end of the day, we were able to watch a Badminton masterclass by Anthony, which was very impressive.

All students took a lot away from the day and thoroughly enjoyed listening to their individual stories and how sport has influenced their lives. *Mrs Fountain*



## Year 10 Residential

Five of our Year 10 students were fortunate enough to take part in an overnight residential in Nottingham on 13 and 14 April, as part of a Cambridge University Outreach Programme.

One of our students, Ilyas Bakir, said the following about his experience: "My time at Nottingham University was a short but intense taster of the life of a student. We did many activities including rock climbing, high ropes and team challenges near the beautiful Rutland Water. The next day we had a tour of the campus and then met doctors who showed us how to perform CPR and test our optic nerves. We ended the trip with a talk about student finance and how university is affordable for everyone. It has given me a burning desire to go to university and it has also broadened my knowledge of the courses I can take at university."

We hope to be able to have more of students experience similar events throughout the academic year. *Mrs Wilmore*



## Safeguarding Success

We are delighted to report that we had a very positive outcome with regards our Safeguarding Visit by Mr Eric Winstone from the local authority last Friday, 22 April. Mr Winstone was very impressed with our Safeguarding policies and procedures which are all in place and which he saw were being fully implemented. He spoke to a group of 12 students from Years 7 to 13 who were great ambassadors for the school and who informed him about how they felt safe and were proud of their school. They then talked to him about how they kept safe online and knew who to go to if they were being bullied. They also told him that they felt safer being in a small school as they knew which staff to approach if there was a problem.

It would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Taylor, Ms Goulding and Mrs Kirt for all their hard work with regards attendance, recruitment and safeguarding, as well as our Student Support Officers who deal with the day-to-day issues that students face. A reminder to parents that if you have any concerns about your child's safety at school then you should contact the Student Support Officer for your child or myself. *Mr Reilly*

## Music News

Students from Years 8 and 9 have been chosen to represent the school in a musical performance celebrating Peterborough's cultural diversity. The performance will take place at Kingsgate in May – details below. The KS3 *Diversity Ensemble* is a collaboration between Peterborough Music Hub, Orchestras Live and Britten Sinfonia engaging up to 120 young people from 4 schools in creative music making and performance. Participants have been working with composer and workshop leader Tim Steiner and professional musicians from Britten Sinfonia in a series of five, in-school workshops. Inspired by cultural diversity and repertoire from Britten Sinfonia's concert series, they will collaboratively create a new work for performance to 1500 of their peers. *Mr McCoy*

Monday 23 May: 10.00 – 15.00 at Kingsgate  
Rehearsal day with all schools together. Arrive back to school [at 15.30](#).

Tuesday 24 May: 10.00 – 13.00 at Kingsgate  
Performance day. The actual performance is from 12.00 to 13.00.

