



## School Defibrillator

Over the last term staff have been raising funds to purchase a defibrillator for the school, and I am delighted to be able to report that enough money – almost £800 - has now been raised to purchase and install one. This was the idea of Michelle Giarrusso and we are grateful to her tenacity in organising all of the various activities. The students raise large sums annually for good causes but this time it has all been down to the staff: very well done.



We are delighted to confirm that **The Office Girls** will perform to Year 7, 8, 9 during the morning next Wednesday, 20 January. This band will deliver an Online Safety, Cyber Bullying & Discrimination message which has already been heard at 2,400 schools across the UK with very positive reviews.

Office Girls are a new girl band and are putting the POP back into pop music. The industry are already hailing them as this generation's Spice Girls and they have recently supported Conor Maynard & Ella Henderson on tour and are currently shooting a TV show for BBC2. One of the members, Sese, made it to the final 12 on ITV's X Factor in 2013.



Our school Twitter account is

**@sjfpeterborough**

Please follow us to ensure you have the latest news and announcements.

## You noticed!

Thank you to the eagle-eyed parent who spotted the typing error in last week's newsletter: Parents Evening for Years 11-13 will be on Tuesday **15** March: we had the day right and the date wrong. Please amend your diaries!

## Year 11 Update

On Tuesday morning students received results of their December exams in the same manner as they will receive their results in the summer. We did the same for Years 12 and 13 this year too. Year 11 then completed a range of activities with Unifrog, The Skills Service and Positively Mad: we will leave the students to explain what these involved.

The next event for you is **Parents' Evening** next **Tuesday, 19 January**. It is not too late to make appointments but please note that this runs from 4.30 to 6.30, and school will end at the usual time. We are expecting all students and parents to take this opportunity to discuss these results and what needs to be done to ensure the best possible outcomes in the summer.

Next Friday's Focus Day will be focussing on Maths.

## Extreme Weather Reminder

Winter has been late starting this year, but now the weather has turned colder. Although snow is not forecast it is worth issuing a reminder of our policy in the case of extreme weather. The simple version is that if the school is able to open in the morning it will do, and will remain open for the day: we do not close early. If the school is not able to open in the morning we will send texts and emails to parents, so please ensure that we have your correct details. We will also post a flash message on our website and ask local radio stations to announce the closure.

Please do not ring the school to ask if we are open, or if we are going to close, as this blocks the phone lines.

*Sean Hayes*

## Focus Day

The next Focus Day takes place on Friday 22 January and, as usual, there is a packed and varied programme:

Year 7	Retreat
Year 8	Kitchen Chemistry
Year 9	Visit to Anglia Ruskin University
Year 10	Work Skills Challenge
Year 11	Maths Revision Workshops
Sixth Form:	Work Skills

Just a reminder that year 9 students, who have all received a letter about the visit to Cambridge, must bring a packed lunch with them and wear full school uniform. (Students in receipt of free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.) All students will be going on the visit as it is part of our school curriculum, taking place during regular school hours and not incurring any charge for parents.

## Year 9 GCSE Options

Year 9 students will start to think during the next week about their forthcoming choices at GCSE. Next Thursday they will have an assembly to begin the process, followed by the visit to Anglia Ruskin University. The Options Evening takes place on Tuesday 26 January at 7.00 pm and it is very important that students and parents attend. A letter has already been sent home with more details.

## Year 11 Interviews

Following parents' evening and their PPE results, all Year 11 students will now have an interview with a Senior member of staff. This is to discuss their focus during the next term and also to ensure that all students have made appropriate applications for 6<sup>th</sup> form and college courses. Please could I take this opportunity to remind you that the deadline has passed for applications to be handed in for our 6<sup>th</sup> form; any student still wishing to apply must do so immediately. It is also essential that any student who has not made an application to our 6<sup>th</sup> form or another school or college via the online system – UCAS progress – does so as soon as possible. School staff will continue to support students with this during the next few weeks.

Do you run your own small business or would you like to?

FREE  
EVENTS  
BOOK  
NOW!

**Peterborough Events**  
**Eco Innovation Centre PE1 1SA**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 9am - 4pm**  
**Pinnacle House PE1 5YD**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 9am - 4pm**

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## Classics Trip to Greece

Parents of students going to Greece in February are reminded that there is an Information Evening on Thursday 28 January at 5.00 pm. Ms Wilson

~~ Keep the date ~~

**Year 11 Parents' Evening**  
*Tuesday 19 January at 4.30 pm*

**Year 9 Options Evening**  
*Tuesday 26 January at 7.00 pm*

## House Points



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