



Assemblies

Students delivered a strong message in our assemblies this week when they raised awareness about disability. The students talked about a range of different types of disability and the need for everybody in society to understand what having a disability is like. The group had previously interviewed students from around the school to see what they already knew and produced a video with extracts from these. The theme this week in school of 'Who is my neighbour?' linked very well with this message.

Welcome to new staff

Following the relocation of Mrs Neckles at the end of last term, we welcome Mrs Haworth to the Science Faculty. We also welcome Mr Muxlow to our site team, Mrs Julie Austin, administrative assistant and Mrs Newland- Giddings as a teaching assistant.

Attendance

Please ensure that your child attends school every day as it makes a big difference to the progress they make at school.

We expect students to have at least 96% attendance. In the case of absence due to illness, you should inform the school by telephone or text each day. Dental and medical appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible.

Holidays cannot be authorised during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Children fall behind when they miss school - whether they are absent for authorised or unauthorised reasons.

Think Twice Every Day Counts



Kate Pereira

Alumni Network: We need you!

Please help us reach out to our former students using your own networks. From doctors to dancers, pilots to plumbers, we need alumni from a range of careers to open our students' eyes to what's possible.

If you are a former student or know of any who'd like to stay in touch and give back to their old school, ask them to sign up at:

<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/signup/sjfchigh>



Be Daring, Be First, Be Different – Year 11 Update

The turn of the calendar year sees Year 11 enter the final steps in build up to their public exams in May and June. Year 11 have worked hard through the first term and the focus through the first set of PPEs this year was excellent. We are now three weeks away from the final round of PPEs that will give us an indication of how they are doing in build up to the May/June exams. Students should be starting to do revision in preparation for these exams. There will be further support for the students on how to revise over the coming weeks.

Period 5 and lunchtime sessions have continued. Year 11 students are reminded that if they are invited to a session there is an expectation that they attend. This is an excellent opportunity to receive extra help and support from their teachers.

2020 is an important one for Year 11 and we hope a very successful one too.

**Academic Tutoring
Year 9
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NCS Assembly

On Tuesday the National Citizen Service team delivered an assembly to Year 11 students explaining what the NCS programme was and how they can sign up. Students were all given a sign up pack. If they are interested they can sign up online and only pay £30 for a three week programme. Or they can bring the packs back into school next Tuesday lunchtime when the team will be in school to see them. Students who are in receipt of free school meals will only need to pay £10.



Brilliant Club

Just before Christmas our Brilliant Club students had a day at the Allia Business Centre. The students were asked to create an essay on a topic of their choice as part of their research before the workshop. During the workshop students were asked to create a persuasive speech that they had to deliver to a member of the Cambridge University team. Students had also been asked to create a Dragons' Den / The Apprentice style pitch about a new product they were creating aimed at University students.



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Year 13 Media Studies Trip



Our day out was amazing; we went to the BFI Southbank in London to listen to a lecture from Rob Miller, a specialist Media Consultant and examiner. The Lecture was about video games but more specifically we were there to discuss our A Level topics, Tomb Raider Anniversary and Simms Free Play. During the day we learned a lot about the industry of gaming and how it is regulated though PEGI. There was also a guest speaker, Chris Phillip, a Games Designer who worked on many video games like Watch Dogs 2. He spoke about the industry as a whole and then questions were opened up to us. At the end of the day they offered us free Xbox games - which lots of the boys grabbed as soon as the lecture was over! It was a great day out for the Media Studies students and an excellent introduction to careers in the gaming industry.

Bagel Club

Don't forget that on these dark, chilly winter mornings you can come to school from 8am and grab a bagel, chat to your friends and get ready for the day ahead. All welcome!



Staff Fundraising

Before Christmas our staff raised £550 for Sue Ryder Hospice Care, with a coffee morning and donations for Christmas jumpers and Mufti day. This donation was made in loving memory of a valued and much-missed colleague, Pat Williams.

