



WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN – WEEK 11 WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

Our annual Year 7 Book Buzz breakfast took place on Monday morning and went with a bang! Each year, the English department and the library provide every Year 7 student with a book of their choice as a welcome gift. Students select their own book from a shortlist in September and the breakfast allows us to celebrate our reading culture with the distribution of the ordered books, readings from Year 8 students, pastries and drinks as well as the opportunity for students to discuss their books with classmates. We hope the students enjoy their books and if they would like to explore any of the other titles from the shortlist, they will be available in the library shortly.



Year 9/10 – Court Visit

Students had an educational and insightful trip to a local court today, where they witnessed British values in action. The visit offered a unique opportunity to understand the workings of the judicial system, including the roles of judges and juries. Students observed live court cases and witnessed justice in action. This hands-on experience aims to reinforce their classroom learning about democracy, the rule of law, and individual liberties.



Ski Trip Preparations

On Monday, students participating in the upcoming ski trip undertook their final preparations with an intensive, all-day practice session at Matson Dry Ski Slope. Under the guidance of the PE department, they have been working hard to build their skiing skills and physical fitness. This preparation ensures they are ready to tackle the



slopes confidently during their adventure in the Alps. We are looking forward to sharing photos and stories of their experiences.

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Year 10 – Christmas Baking Extravaganza

Our Year 10 students have been busy in the kitchen, baking and decorating Christmas cakes that would rival any creation on The Great British Bake Off! The creativity and skill demonstrated in their cake decorations have been truly impressive. This activity not only allows students to develop their culinary skills but also fosters teamwork, patience, and attention to detail. Well done to all our budding bakers!



Meanwhile, our Sixth Form staff have been engaging in their own bake-off challenge each week this term. The competition has been fierce, and the delicious creations have been enjoyed by everyone. Winners will be announced in a few weeks, adding some festive cheer to the end of term.

Year 11 – Trial Exams and Mock Results Day

Year 11 students are nearing the end of their two-week trial exam period, with only the Art exam left to complete on Monday.

A special mock results day is scheduled for December 17th, designed to replicate the real experience of receiving exam results. Students will be able to collect their results from 8:00 – 9:00am in the school hall, and parents are warmly invited to join them for this significant milestone. This event aims to provide students with a realistic preview of results day, helping to reduce anxiety and prepare them for what to expect. Following the results collection, there will be an assembly and various meetings for some students to discuss next steps and further support.

Brilliant Club Update

We are excited to share that some of our Year 9 students have been participating in weekly sessions with a PhD tutor from Oxford University. These sessions are part of the Brilliant Club program, which aims to inspire and challenge students by providing them with an insight into university level learning.

This week, students explored the fascinating world of separation techniques, focusing on chromatography – a method used to identify the different colours in inks. Through hands-on activities, students have been able to apply their knowledge from Key Stage 3 science, while learning new skills and concepts from their university tutor.

The Brilliant Club is designed to spark students' interest in higher education by connecting them with passionate academic tutors. We hope these sessions encourage our students to think about the possibilities of university life and inspire them to pursue further studies in the future.

Shrek the Musical – Get Your Tickets Now!

The much-anticipated Shrek the Musical is almost here! Our talented students and staff have been working tirelessly to bring this production to life, and it promises to be an entertaining and memorable show for all. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online or from the school Reception.



Ticket Prices:

- ❖ Adults: £4
- ❖ Concessions: £2

Don't miss out—get your tickets soon and support our amazing performers!



A big thank you to all students who donated to this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, as a school we raised a whopping £137.80. Your support will make a difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

And finally Christmas Lunch will be served on Tuesday 17th December, tickets can be purchased from the Canteen, at a cost of £3.00



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Dates For Your Diary:

- ❖ W/C Monday 2nd December – Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
- ❖ Sunday 8th December – Shrek Rehearsal
- ❖ 11th, 12th & 13th December – Shrek the Musical
- ❖ 16th December – Christmas Soirée – 7pm
- ❖ 17th December – Christmas Lunch
- ❖ 19th December – Christmas Jumper Day – donations to the Food Bank
- ❖ 19th December – End of Term at 12 noon.