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## PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

18<sup>th</sup> March – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

**Apologies, there was no Parent Bulletin last week due to staff sickness.**

### EVENTS THIS WEEK:

21<sup>st</sup> March

- Year 7 Parents' Evening, 4.30 – 7.30pm

### Mobile Phone Policy reminder

Parents, please could you discuss with your child our mobile phone policy to ensure they comply. We are under increasing pressure from the Government to ban mobile phones in schools. The vast majority of Court Fields' students use their mobile phones appropriately within the school day but we need every child to come on board and respect our rules and expectations which are:

1. Students can use their mobile phones appropriately at break and lunchtime – at no other time should mobile phones be used at school unless a teacher directs students to do so for educational or safeguarding purposes.
2. Students must not take photos/video/audio of the school or its staff or students without their permission and under a teacher's direction.
3. Staff will confiscate mobile phones that are being used inappropriately and hand them in to the Front Office where they will be kept safe until the end of the day, when students can collect them. We will always give the mobile phones back to students at the end of the day for safeguarding reasons.
4. Students should not phone parents during the school day unless directed to by a member of staff. If there is an issue, we will contact parents. Parents who are concerned about their child should contact the school rather than the child. If parents need to contact their child in the school day with some sad news, they should contact the school not the child. We do not want children upset without the support and help from staff. Parents, please avoid coming to the school impromptu for non-urgent reasons – we do not have the manpower to see parents without appointments. We always want to give the best information and support to our students and their parents, which is best delivered in a planned meeting where we can give you full attention with time for discussion. Of course, if there is an urgent issue or emergency, please contact us and a member of our Senior Leadership Team will be able to support you and your child.

### **Communication with Parents**

Most parental queries can be directed to your child's Tutor who will pass these on to the most appropriate person if they are not able to resolve. We expect to be able to acknowledge your query within 48 hours via email or phone call. If you do not receive a response within 48 hours, please contact Reception who will 'chase' your query. Parents will understand that for most staff they teach all day and often have meetings or revision for Year 11 after school so responding to queries is not always possible on the same or next day. We also have many staff who are part time who may not work every day of the week. Parents, you will be asked by reception which member of staff you wish to speak to and what the nature of your query is so we can ensure the right person is being asked to respond.

Please can you also let us know if you are not receiving information by email and inform us as soon as possible if you change your email, mobile, land line or address. We have to have up to date contact details which should always include at least two emergency contacts. Thank you.

### **Year 11 Parents**

Thank you for encouraging and insisting that your child/ren come to their revision sessions in the run-up to exams. Teachers have specifically invited individuals to support them with additional time to fill in their gaps and support their own revision, so it is crucial that they attend. If you are not sure what revision session your child should go to please talk with them and look at their report – the revision timetable is on our website, so with this information, you will know where they should be!

### **Year 8 Parents**

Thank you for your support with the Silver and Gold Book initiatives. This has made a significant difference to group and individual students' learning habits. We have been impressed with how children have responded and teachers are really noticing improved attitudes to learning in lessons and those students seem much happier with improved enjoyment of learning also.

### **Students/Parents in receipt of Free School Meals – now and in the last 6 years**

The Government provides all schools with additional funding to support students who are in receipt of free school meals, or have been within the last 6 years. If this applies to your family please take full advantage of what we have to offer such as reduction in the cost of activities, equipment and trips. You are entitled to this and we as a school want every child to fully benefit from all the opportunities and experiences we offer. We are promoting that every child must have the right equipment for school – pens, pencils, calculator, ruler, highlighters, green pen, ingredients, uniform, PE kit etc... please get in touch with your tutor if we can support you in providing this for your child. The principle is that your child should not be disadvantaged as a result of family income. Alternatively, contact our finance department who will be able to help. Thank you.

### **Collecting Students**

Please can parents/carers collecting children at the end of the school day avoid arriving until 3.15pm, to allow for preschool children to be collected. The parking spaces outside the preschool are designated for their use only but they have kindly agreed for Court Fields School parents to use them after 3.15pm. The designated bus parking bay is for school buses only and cars should not park there as this can cause safety issues. The safety and welfare of our students is our top priority and we appreciate your co-operation to ensure all students safely exit the school site at the end of the day.

### **School Equipment**

In a drive to encourage children towards independence and taking responsibility for their own learning, we would like them all to come prepared to lessons with a minimum of:

- black pen
- green pen
- pencil
- ruler
- calculator

Please ensure your students have this equipment with them in school every day. All of this can be purchased through school if needed and for those students in receipt of free school meals financial help may be available.



### **Plymouth University Trip Year 11 Students**

Last opportunity for Year 11 students to get on the Plymouth university trip. Slips must be returned by Monday 18th March. Letters can be found on the website under Parents Letters or spare copy are available from Miss Murphy in C2.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

28.03.19	Year 10 Art Trip
04.04.19	Year 9 Progress Reports home
08.04.19 – 22.04.19	Easter Holidays
23.04.19	Students return to school

## REGULAR CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Every Monday	1.30pm	Art Club
	1.30pm	Health & Social Care Catch Up, C2, Miss Murphy
	1.30pm	<b>Yr7 &amp; 8 #thisgirlcan</b> , S Hall/gym, girls, Miss Gibbins
	1.30pm – 2.00pm	Creative Writing Club, Eliot Block, Room 1
	1.30pm	Language Leaders A4
	1.30 – 2.00pm	Digi Pal – ICT Club, C1
	1.30pm	Table Top Gaming Club D2
	1.30pm – 2.00pm	Creative Writing Club, Eliot Block, Room 1
	3.30pm	Badminton, S Hall, all, Mrs Robertson
	3.15 – 5.15pm	Opportunities Club (Homework Club)
Every Tuesday	1.30 -2.05pm	<b>All Yrs – Choir</b>
	1.30 – 2.05pm	Drama Club KS3 B7
	1.30pm	Table Top Gaming Club in D2
	3.30pm	<b>Yr 9 Rugby</b> , Field, Mrs Seaton
	1.30pm	Gardening Club A3 or by the raised beds outside C block
	1.30pm	<b>Yrs 7,8 &amp; 9</b> Benchball/dodgeball, Gym, All, Miss Gibbins
	1.30pm	Girls Football, S Hall, Girls, Mr Conway
	1.30pm	<b>All Yrs</b> - Senior Choir Rehearsals - B6
	3.15 – 4.15pm	<b>GCSE Technology Catch up</b> session in C12
	3.30pm	Trampolining, Gym, All, Miss Gibbins
	3.30 – 5.00pm	<b>Yr 11</b> Textiles Clinic
	3.15 – 5.15pm	Opportunities Club (Homework Club)
	3.15 – 5.00pm	<b>Yr 11</b> Revision for Philosophy & Beliefs
	<b>From May</b> 3.15pm	<b>Yr 9</b> DofE (Duke of Edinburgh) – B15
	Every Wednesday	1.30pm
1.30pm-2.00pm		Table Top Gaming Club - B11
3.15 – 5.15pm		Opportunities Club (Homework Club)
1.30pm		SmART Club (maths in art club) B13, <b>Years 7 &amp; 8</b> , Mrs Hutchinson
1.30pm		<b>Yr 10 &amp; 11</b> Fitness, Fitness Room, All
1.30pm		Philosophy and Beliefs Film Club B16
1.30pm		Humanities Homework Club, <b>Years 7 – 9</b> , C9, Mrs Mossman
1.30pm		Computing/Game Design, C1, <b>Years 7 – 9</b> , Miss Murphy
1.30pm		OCR Catch Up, B1, All, Miss Gibbins
3.30pm		Badminton, S.Hall, All, Mrs Robertson
3.30pm		<b>Yr 7 &amp; 8</b> Girls Basketball/Netball, S Hall, Mrs Lees
3.30pm		<b>Yr 7 &amp; 8</b> Netball
3.30pm		Football Fixtures, Field, Boys, Mr Seaton
3.30pm		<b>All Yrs</b> Crafty Club C10
3.30pm		Parkour/gymnastics (£), Gym, Mr J Marshall
3.30pm		Computing catch up
3.30 – 5.00pm		<b>Yr 11</b> Graphics Clinic

Thursday	1.30pm	<b>Yr 9, 10 &amp; 11</b> , Netball, Sports Hall, Girls
	1.30pm	<b>All Yrs</b> – Chess Club – C9, Miss Murphy
	1.30pm	Mymaths Support - C1
	1.30pm	Singing rehearsal for School of Rock B6
	1.30pm	Table Top Gaming Club - B14
	3.15 – 5.15pm	Opportunities Club (Homework Club)
	3.15 – 4.30pm	Acting rehearsals for School of Rock B7
	3.30pm	Fencing, Gym, All
	3.30pm	KS3 Football, Field, Boys
	3.15 – 4.30pm	School of Rock Acting Rehearsals B7
Every Friday	3.30pm	<b>Yr 11</b> Football, S Hall, Mr Williams/Mr Conway
	1.30pm	Christian Union B16
	1.30pm	Art Club, All Years, Miss West
	1.30 – 2.00pm	<b>Yrs 7,8 &amp; 9</b> Digi Pal – ICT Club, C1
	1.30pm	Table Top Gaming Club - B14
	1.30pm	Debating Club (starting 28/9/18), C5, <b>All Years</b> , Mrs Joyce
	1.30pm	Bug Club, B2
	1.30pm	Computing/Game Design, <b>Years 7 – 9</b> , C1, Miss Murphy
	1.30pm	VCert PE Unit 4 Catch Up, Boys, B1, Mrs Lees