

Court Fields School

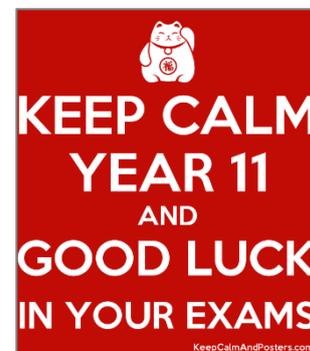
What's Happening: Information for Parents, Carers & Families
13th May – 17th May 2019



Message from Mrs Matthews

This week has been a short one after the Bank Holiday Weekend, but we have had real success in a number of sporting contexts (please see the details below regarding Honey's England call-up and also our Under 14 Girls' Football Champions). Rounders and athletics are in full swing and we expect to have news of more sporting successes from teams and individual students in the coming weeks.

We have seen some amazingly focussed preparation by our Year 11 ahead of their first GCSE exams at the start of next week, and, had a lovely breakfast this morning as we came together for the last time as a whole year group before their final Leavers' Assembly in June. The students have really stepped up since returning from the Easter holidays and as a staff we are very proud of them. With continued revision and preparation, we have every confidence they can make even more progress at this vitally important time. I have reminded them of the need to also look after themselves and each other during the exam period, and I know that staff are on hand to support them in lessons, revision sessions and pre-exam briefings.



The first of our four Saturday Year 11 Revision Sessions happens this weekend, thanks to Mr Williams and Mrs Westwood kindly volunteering their time. Students are warmly welcomed to the LRC from 10am to 12pm tomorrow, 11th May, for quiet revision. Students have told us that they will find this helpful in focussing on their revision (not to mention helping to get them up on a Saturday!).

One of the areas for improvement as a school is communication with parents and carers. With this in mind we have been reviewing our current software (ePraise) and seeking a more effective solution. Trials are currently ongoing, and we are looking to launch after the May Half Term. More details to follow next week.

A further focus is continuing our improvements in behaviour and ensuring that all students develop good learning habits. Whilst infrequent, there are times when students have to be issued with C3 behaviour sanctions, currently Internal Isolation. We are implementing a change to this sanction in order to ensure positive behaviour for learning, but also in response to parent/carer comments regarding after-school detentions, which many find difficult with transport issues. From Monday a C3 will equal 5 x lunchtime detentions (2½ hours) rather than 1.30-5pm isolation (3 ½ hours). Students will be given the opportunity to have lunch and will also be afforded a chance to reduce their 5 lunchtimes to 3 if they attend, complete work and behave appropriately. We hope that this will give students the opportunity, if they make a mistake and get a C3, to do the right thing, and to have the chance to work to reduce their sanction. We will also rename the stages as S numbers, so that students make the clear link between behaviours that do not meet our expectations and sanctions.

As always, thank you for your support. Please do follow us on twitter @courtfieldssch or on facebook as we are regularly posting useful information, updates and pictures of our amazing students and staff. Please do join us for our Madagascar's Got Talent Evening on 22nd May. With some amazing acts (including some from staff!) it promises to be an unforgettable night!!



Events This Week

13th May – 14th May - GCSE Exams start (1st written exam)

Sports Stars – News from PE



SOMERSET SCHOOLS FA CUP WINNERS 2018/19!

Court Fields 1 - Holyrood Academy 0!!

A fantastic achievement by all the girls involved to bring the prestigious trophy back to Wellington! Kenzie scored the goal, which separated the sides with a well-taken header. Player of the match went to Halle for her superb work rate and controlling of midfield, however all the girls played magnificently! Well done girls, you have made Court Fields very proud!

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Court Fields School Year 9 student Honey M has been selected to represent England in Double Mini Trampoline (DMT).

Honey, who trains at the Exeter Trampoline Club, will compete in The Frivolten Cup in Sweden at the end of May. This is a fantastic achievement, well done!

Madagascar Week 29th April – 3rd May 2019

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who have supported our annual Madagascar week! At the moment the total amount raised is £1,550.19 and the money is still coming in! We also have our annual Talent Show, which will be held on Wednesday 22nd May. Tickets are £2 for students and £4 for adults. The show take place in the school hall and starts at 7.00 pm. All are welcome and definitely a show not to be missed!!



During the week each year group took turns to fundraise. There were lots of ice cream and lollies sold, cake sales, 'sponge the teacher', and various competitions held. On the last day we had a non-uniform day, massive cake sale and the annual sponsored walk to the Wellington Monument and back carrying bricks and planks of wood. This is how children in Madagascar often walk to school every day using the bricks and wood as a seat or desk because most schools do not have any furniture or equipment. The floors are often just mud.

We are very confident that we will be able to raise over £2,000 by the end of term. Already our total for the year is in the region of £5,000 due to a hugely successful Christmas Fair in November last year, plus all the various events which take place during the year. We hope the Christmas Fair will become an annual event. The Christmas Fair for this year is being held on Saturday 9th November, we already have lots of stalls signed up!



This money will make a massive difference to the people in Madagascar. During the past 9 years we have already put in 3 clean water projects. This has meant 100s of people in three villages have access to clean fresh water. We have also built Court Fields School - Madagascar. Originally the school was only for primary aged children but last year we were able to extend the school which now means the school can accommodate older children as well.

The money raised this year will either pay for a new water project or if we can raise enough we can build another school! Court Fields School

works with the Madagascar Development Fund, so when we have a final amount we will discuss with MDF as to what is needed the most at this time.

We really can't thank you enough for all your help! This is an amazing achievement and we are committed to continue to improve the lives of people who are less fortunate then ourselves!

Future Events

- 22nd May - Madagascar's Got Talent Show
- 27th May – 31st May - Half Term
- 7th June - 28th June - Year 10 PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations)