

Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 6 June

Monday:

School closed to students

Tuesday:

Latin (Y10)
Makers Club
Maths & code-breaking Club
Girls' rounders (Y7 & Y8)
Boys' cricket (Y7 & Y8)
Beatles Band
Textiles Club (Y9)

Wednesday:

Orchestra
Science Club
Athletics
Jazz & Commercial dance
NewPals for Nepal
Gardening Club
Young Enterprise (Y10)

Thursday:

Art Club
Hip-hop/Street dance
Fencing
Community Problem Solving Club
Warhammer & Sci-fi/Fantasy
Board Gaming
Chess Club
Boys' cricket (Y9, Y10 & Y11)
Girls' rounders (Y9, Y10 & Y11)
Model United Nations
Jazz Band

Friday:

Band Academy

Study Club will run on
Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday.

Words from the Headteacher

This week our Year 11s have completed two of their big exams; Maths non-calculator and English Literature. For both papers, it was evident that the cohort were determined to succeed, to leave no stone unturned in their revision and quest to do the best they could. This extended to coming into school at 7.30am on the morning of the Maths paper to do some last minute cramming: of calculus and of biscuits. I have said it before, but it is worth repeating, the attitude and approach to the exams of the Year 11 students is exemplary. I am proud of their hard work and positivity.

We are also gearing up for our Year 9 and 10 end of year exams. These kick off in earnest on Monday 13 June. Each exam is a synoptic test of all of the content and skills learnt over the course of the year and gives a clear indication of progress and attainment. It is vital that students revise and make sure that they are fully aware of the likely content and coverage of each paper. Exams for the core subjects will take place in the main sports hall at the times shown overleaf. Exams for other subjects will take place in lessons. Teachers will advise students as to the exact time. Support from home is also invaluable; a quiet space to study and help from adults can make the process more straightforward and less stressful.

Fixture of the Week

We rise to the challenge. Not content with setting out on an equal footing, BFS continually try to upset the odds and defy gravity. This week our Year 10 rounders team, consisting of 7 players from Years 8 and 9 with Corinne Thompson our sole Year 10 representative, came up against the mighty Cotham machine with their full complement of nine sturdy hitters, all drawn from the older year group.

With yawning gaps in the outfield diamond, the pressure grew on the fielders. Phoebe and Holly Neville underscored their intuitive understanding, covering every blade of grass; the ball seized from flight with the savagery of a soaring sparrow hawk swooping on an ill-fated finch; a violent, incisive act. Zoe Toye was at the epicentre of events; her metronomic bowling arm releasing the projectile with unerring accuracy; the opposition left waving the bat like demented lollipop ladies, ushering themselves to destruction.

As ever, communication and awareness ruled the day; the team is greater than the sum of its parts, and with one final flourish, reducing Cotham to a 7 minute innings, the game was won. Well done Holly Freke, Hannah Warren and Tasha Harris, the supporting cast in a performance of intensity and visceral power.

Paul Jones

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Year 7 Portraiture

This term, Year 7 tutor time has been dedicated to creating self-portraits. This culminated in a nail-biting judging session at the start of the week.

Mr MacBlain and Miss Nowak visited every tutor group to cast their critical eyes over what had been produced. They were met by a wonderful array of creative, colourful and imaginative artwork, which made it difficult to decide on two finalists from each groups. After careful consideration, overall winners were crowned: 3rd place went to Milena Samborska (TG4); 2nd place to Izzy Tucker (TG2) and 1st place to Emma Ashworth (TG1). Huge congratulations to these students and all who demonstrated great flair and hard work in their creations.

A special mention goes to the members of TG4 who created a theatrical and professional art gallery for the Year Leaders to peruse, complete with complimentary cakes, music and the cutting of the ribbon to enter the 'gallery'!



ATE Superweeks

Would your child benefit from a week away from home, having fun spending time with other children, building confidence, and experiencing a holiday of their own this summer? If the answer is yes then you may be interested in sending them on a week long summer camp with the Active Training and Education Trust. ATE Superweeks are residential holidays which run throughout the summer at a number of beautiful centres. The Trust places a huge value on being outdoors, making new friends, playing games, having lots of fun and being able to enjoy the freedom of childhood. Miss Young has worked for the organisation for over 10 years and will be running one of the camps this summer. For more information please visit the website www.superweeks.org.uk or contact Miss Young through the School.

Y9 and Y10 internal exams – core subjects

Date	Start time	Year	Subject	Duration
Monday 13	9.00	9	Maths 1	1 hour
Thursday 16	9.00	9	English	2 hours
Friday 17	1.30	9	Maths 2	1 hour
Monday 20	1.30	10	Maths 1	1 hour 30
Tuesday 21	9.00	10	English Literature	1 hour 45
	1.30	10	Physics	1 hour
Wednesday 22	1.30	10	Chemistry	1 hour
Thursday 23	9.00	10	Maths 2	1 hour 30
	1.00	10	English Language	2 hours
Friday 24	1.30	10	Biology	1 hour



Summer BBQ tickets will be on sale after half term. Don't miss out on a fabulous evening of fun and games with friends and family on 24th June.

We also need volunteers to help at the BBQ - you only need to commit to a short time and you can choose what to help with. Look out for the Volunteer Spot poll we will send out after the holiday.



Jamie's Italian

Last week the ADCT and MFL departments had an exciting opportunity to take a group of Year 7 students to Jamie's Italian on Park Street. The trip was held to mark Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution day which encourages young people to understand the importance of healthy eating. The day started with an informative session on nutrition and how to spot hidden sugars in our food. This culminated in making our very own cereal mix with fresh fruits, nuts, seeds, spices and natural yogurt. The staff were really impressed by our student's food preparation skills and knowledge. Students went on to have a tour of the restaurant; they met waiting staff and chefs, learnt how the restaurant is run and learnt about, and sampled the dishes of the day. However the pièce de résistance was getting to make our own sough dough pizza with freshly made tomato sauce and locally sauced mozzarella cheese.

On behalf of the students we'd like to say a massive thank you to the knowledgeable and enthusiastic team at Jamie's Italian.



Treble Bass, the school's jazz band, was able to donate £187 to Cancer Research UK, from the collection made at its recent performance at the Old Duke.