

**Autumn Newsletter** 

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This half term our focus has been about returning to normal as much as we possibly can and I feel we are well on the way to achieving this.

Pupils have been mixing with their peers, moving around school and making the most of the excellent facilities we have here. We like to provide a window into school life via our Twitter feed with daily snippets of what has been happening. If you are not on Twitter, you can find the information on the <a href="https://www.homepage">homepage</a> of the website.

This half term we have enjoyed getting to know our new year 7 cohort as well as the new year 12 students. Having settled into life at secondary school, our year 7 pupils had their first taste of an achievement assembly before half term and, for the first time in over 200 achievement assemblies, every pupil who attended won either a Reach Point award, an attendance award or a combination of both! We are always keen to celebrate success and our year 7 pupils have had an amazing start to the year. Well done year 7, keep up the great work!

We have also been able to bring back some face-to-face events this half term. The year 7 'meet the teacher' event was a popular afternoon where parents could put a face to a name and have a catch up with their child's teachers. We also had a very successful open day on Saturday 18th September, where we welcomed around 800 people to the school. Many stayed for the presentation and a tour of the school by our pupils. A huge thank you to all the pupils and staff who made the day such a success. More recently we have held our Parents as Pupils event in person for Key Stage 3 and virtually on our YouTube channel for Key Stage 4, here. This is an opportunity for parents to find out more about topics being taught in lessons and how to support your child at home. If you are interested in finding out more about your child's education, please take the time to watch the short videos.

Sports fixtures have made a triumphant return this academic year. From year 7 all the way up to the Sixth Form we have pupils competing for the school in a wide range of sports. Mr Sutton has provided a comprehensive review from this half term's action in this newsletter and our Twitter feed has a weekly roundup of results.

We have another busy half term starting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, with mock examinations for year 11 and the Sixth Form coming up in November and December and a range of celebration events as 2021 nears its close.

Thank you for your continued support this half term. Please do take the time to read through the newsletter, catching up with everything that has been going on and we look forward to seeing everyone after a restful half term.

Richard Booth Headteacher

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## **Meet the Teacher**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September it was wonderful to return to a face-to-face event and welcome the new year 7 pupils and parents to the school. This was a chance for our year 7 pupils to introduce their new subject teachers to their families in an informal way and for parents to finally see the school!



Parents, pupils and teachers at 'Meet the Teacher'

# **Premier League Inspires**

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, thirteen year 9 pupils attended a trip to Watford FC as part of their Reach Higher Elective for Watford Trust's *Premier League Inspires* launch event.

Pupils took a tour of the stadium, saw behind the scenes in the home and away changing rooms, participated in a mock press conference and put together their very own three course fine dining meal in one of the executive boxes overlooking the stadium! The day was ended by Keah-Cadey M, Laila S and Danielle HP bravely giving a filmed interview for Watford Trust.

The Premier League Inspires programme will continue to run weekly throughout the year which will include stadium events, group sessions, 1:1 support meetings and social action volunteering. It focuses on improving confidence, developing skills, gaining knowledge and creating a positive attitude.



Year 9 in the dugout. New managers in the making?



Danielle HP, Keah-Cadey M and Elaina H's fine dining set up overlooking the stadium with Elaina's specially folded napkins



Freddie H, Andrei B, Kieran P, Tyler T and Harry H stepped in as Watford's new managers following the most recent match!



Baylee C, Aimee B, Laila S, Catherine T, Andrei B, Kieran B, Tyler T and Matthew B taking a sneak peak in the home changing rooms

# **River Fun in the October Sun**

Our fourth annual year 8 trip to the River Chess was another roaring success with all four forms taking part in measuring key features of the river including the width, depth, velocity and pebble roundness. The weather was once again extremely kind to us and the shining sun helped to dry off some of the wet feet resulting from some enthusiastic wading!



Writing up results and using the Power's index of Roundness to measure the pebbles

It was a pleasure to hear the inquisitive questions being asked by the pupils as they began to see how the hydrological theory learnt in the lessons was visible in front of their eyes. This was clearly evident as pupils picked up rocks to show me how attrition and abrasion had created holes and dents in them over a long period of time. They also showed excellent attention to detail when ensuring that their tests were fair and accurate each time they conducted them.



Mr Gibson helping a group in the river



A group measuring the velocity with a dog biscuit



In the river gathering their results



Writing up results



And that's a wrap - walking back to the mini bus after a successful trip

## **Elevate**

# Elevate - How to improve the study habits of and support your children

This academic year has seen us embark on an exciting new partnership with Elevate Education UK. Elevate Education has revolutionised the way study skills are taught around the world. Since expanding to the UK in 2013, Elevate's programmes have already resulted in improvements in student performance at over 850 UK schools.

Having benchmarked the study habits of thousands of past students, the award-winning seminars cover the techniques utilised by the country's top students. Seventeen years of experience demonstrates that any student can improve performance by tapping into, and replicating, these techniques.

This half-term the pupils in year 7 had a 'Study Skills Kickstart', pupils in year 8 had a session on 'Junior Time Management', the year 11 pupils became 'Study

Sensei's' and there were sessions for the staff and parents as well!

How can you help at home?

1. Use the student portal available on the Elevate website <a href="here">here</a> the password is: rondo

Take a look at the student portal with your child and help them to get the maximum benefit that they can from their time spent studying!

2. Use the parent's information section too available here.

This includes top tips on avoiding confrontation around studying too as well as how to support your child, with a parent guidebook, resources section and questions and answers.

3. Sign up for the parent webinars <a href="here">here</a>. Where you can also sign up for weekly tips and exclusive webinars straight to your inbox!

The upcoming webinars are:

#### Memorisation:

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 6.00pm - 7.00pm

# **Exam Preparation:**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Our future Elevate sessions in school include:

Year 9 looking at 'Memory Mnemonics' on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

Year 10 looking at 'Ace your exams' on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Year 11 looking at 'Finishing Line' on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

All the sessions are supported by additional content that the pupils work through in independent study and REACH Time sessions but work best when they practise them often and they are embedded by you at home! Thank you for your support.

## Franklin Scholars Returns!

After carefully recruiting a team of older pupils to become The Reach Free Schools next cohort of Franklin Scholars - outstanding pupil leaders dedicated to helping younger pupils make a strong start in secondary school through peer mentoring - we were able to kick start the programme with a training day for our final successful year 10 recruits. This day included team and trust building activities, mock exercises between mentees and mentors, delving into the minds of year 7 and understanding the literacy provision of the programme. The next step is the induction day

when our year 10 mentors will meet their year 7 mentees.



Tanisha S, Thinaya W, Thehara W and Nyla AD signing their Franklin Scholars contracts



Teo D acting as a mentee while the year 10s try to work out what is wrong



Year 10 communication exercise



Year 10 working on their empathy map

# **Community Walks**

All four year 7 forms pulled on their muddy shoes and ventured outside to explore the local area in their first Community Common Room project. Pupils enjoyed exploring the beautiful surroundings of the school as they weaved through the farmers' fields, ending the walk with a well deserved hot chocolate from the 'Tea Shack' our local independent coffee shop at Woodoaks Farm.



Year 7 enjoying a hot chocolate in the sunshine



Community Walk cheer



Say 'Hot Chocolate!'



Smile ladies!



It's a thumbs up from them!



Yum! Yum! Yum!

# **Parents as Pupils**

Our annual Parents as Pupils event was one of the first, of hopefully many, face-to-face events of the year. It

was lovely to finally be able to invite parents into school again. The purpose of this event is to ensure that parents are fully informed about the curriculum and assessment in each subject and how best to support their children at home. The evening consisted of a series of short presentations, delivered by our Heads of Department, detailing the learning journey that pupils take throughout Key Stage 3. For Key Stage 4 parents we continued with the virtual event and videos have been produced by every subject and added to our YouTube channel.



Ms Dheiman talking parents through the Key Stage 3 Learning Journey

## **Sporting Update**

The beginning of this academic year has been a fantastic return to PE and a full extra curricular programme. We have been involved in district, county and national events and fixtures and we cannot wait for what the rest of the year holds. A huge thank you to all pupils who have represented the school and given a brilliant effort within their core PE lessons.

#### Tri Golf

Mr Gibson and the Sports Leadership Academy welcomed primary schools from the local area to attend a festival of tri golf on the field. A fantastic afternoon was had by all as the leaders put their training to the test with an array of enthusiastic year 4 children. Hosting events for our local primary schools is always a rewarding experience and provides a valuable opportunity for primary school pupils to visit their local secondary school whilst giving our young leaders an opportunity to develop confidence, communication and leadership skills.



Leadership Academy organizing a Tri Golf festival on the field



Y9&10 Leadership Academy Training Day

#### Multisport

Thirteen year 8 pupils attended a multisports event at Rickmansworth School. Events included trampolining, handball and badminton. All pupils enjoyed competing in the events with the stand out performance coming from the trampolinists, who devised routines and won the overall trampoline event!





Year 7 and 8 Multisports

#### **Badminton**

U14 and U16 boys and girls squads were assembled for a badminton competition at Rickmansworth School. The standard was extremely high in all competitions with one of our teams (U14 boys) finishing top. We look forward to representing the Three Rivers District in the Hertfordshire County School Games final.





U14 winners of the District Badminton Competition (Tom P, Mathew P, Adam G, Sam G)

## **Phasels Wood**

As part of their Cambridge National in Sport Studies qualification, the year 11 pupils visited Phasels Wood Activity Centre to complete climbing, abseiling, low ropes and orienteering. The pupils overcame their fears about heights, demonstrated fantastic team work and came away with some brilliant practical assessment results. The pupils will use the experience to complete their coursework about the benefits of outdoor adventurous activities in preparation for their final assessments.



Speed was key in the Cresta Run



Aiden S going over the edge



Jack J hitting the summit

# **Trip to Tottenham**

Pupils from The Reach Free School were invited to Tottenham Hotspur's training ground to receive coaching sessions from their Under 18 players who were completing their coaching badges. The year 8 and 9 boys football squad spent an afternoon at one of the world's leading training centres. The boys enjoyed the experience of practising their skills and were able to ask questions to some potential Premier League stars of the future.



Year 8 pupils in front of the famous Spurs emblem



Being put through their paces during the session

#### Year 7

The year 7 boys' football team got off to a great start representing the school with all the pupils showing a fantastic attitude and the ability to be supportive team players. In the league, the team has won one fixture and lost two fixtures against Bushey Meads School, Parmiters and Grange Academy respectively putting us mid-table. In the County Cup we were narrowly beaten by a strong Samuel Ryder team but there were stand out performances from Harry S and George J. Year 7 had their best performance of the year so far against a talented Immanuel College team where we won 7-3. There are plenty of games left in the season to allow more pupils to represent the school and also try to cement a place in the team.

## Year 8

The year 8 boys' football team have been pelting in the goals in their opening games. The standout result was a 9-3 win in the English Schools Cup at Leighton Park School (Reading). In the Watford District League they have achieved victories versus Parmiters (6-3), Bushey Meads (6-4) and Grange Academy (2-1). The boys listed below have represented the school team this season.

Joe H, Luke S, David S, Noel K, Josh C, Ryan W, Kallum B, Hayden S, Reece J, Jake M, Archie B, Oli S, Conor D, Josh H, James G, Muhammed C.





Year 8 boys featuring in victories at Parmiters (District League) and Leighton Park (National Cup)

## Year 11

Year 11 have endured a tough start to the campaign, losing their two opening matches. Since then the team have been working hard on organising a team shape and staying more compact. We are confident that they will turn it around in the forthcoming match.



Warming up

#### Seniors

The 1st XI had a good start to the season with a home victory in the English Schools Cup against local rivals Rickmansworth School. Kristof G opened the scoring with an unstoppable strike from outside the area. Alfie L added a second with a cool lob over the keeper shortly after coming on the pitch. Rickmansworth scored with 5 minutes remaining to create a nervous finish but The Reach Free team sealed the win with a late strike to make the final score 3-1. The boys listed below have represented the school team this season.

Nick T, Rory V, Jayden H, Ethan L, Daniel J, Max W, Daniel O, Sam W, Will C, Kristof G, Alfie L, Jack J, Michael D, Muhammad Z.

#### Girls' Football

This half term has been very busy for girls' football with over ten fixtures taking place in the last six weeks including League, County Cup, English Schools Football Association and Power League games. The U13 girls have had a tough start to the league losing their two opening matches but continue to show improvement and potential, with the help of Mr Cook's football elective I am confident they will find their winning ways soon. The U14 girls have had a very impressive start to the ESFA competition progressing through to the third round and scoring 18 goals in two matches! The U15 girls have made a steady start to the league winning 8-01 in their only match of this half term as well as taking first placet in the Power League Tournament. The U16 girls made it through to the second round of the ESFA competition. Stand out performers this half term have been Emma H, Violet H, Rebecca H, Liana H, Daisy

O and Ella R. We have some exciting and challenging matches coming up next half term.



U15 girls enjoying themselves at Power League





U15 girls in their win against Parmiters



U13 girls after their first away fixture

#### Girls' Netball

It has been fantastic to see so many pupils involved in netball fixtures after a 16 month hiatus. Our netball elective on Tuesdays has over 50 pupils participating in competitive netball matches and it's fantastic to see so many pupils committed to extra-curricular sport.

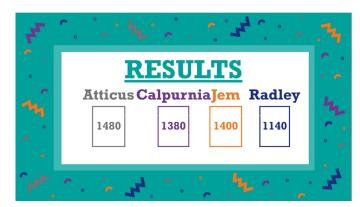
We've had a successful start to the district netball season with wins over Futures Academy for Year 7, 8 and 9, plus draws against Bushey Meads and The Grange. We've had some narrow losses, and all teams are looking forward to their future matches in the season.



Year 9 pupils after their win against Futures Academy

#### **House Games**

The final week of the term has seen House Games make its first appearance of the academic year. Pupils have been battling it out in their forms for House points in netball, football, indoor athletics, walking, benchball and boccia. Pupils have been demonstrating resilience and team spirit throughout the week supporting each other through the competitions. Well done to Atticus who narrowly won the House Games this time around with Jem and Calpurnia a close second and third.



The House Games scoreboard after the first half term



Year 10 Netball in full flow



Year 8 Indoor Athletics

## **Uniform, Appearance and Equipment**

We would like to remind you to check the uniform expectations in our <u>uniform policy</u> and ensure that your child has the correct uniform and equipment for after half term.

Some key areas that we would like to bring to your attention include:

- No facial piercings are allowed in school and pupils will be asked to remove these if seen.
- Hair styles cannot be extreme and colours must be natural.
- Eyebrows cannot have lines shaved into them.
- Trainers are not permitted to be worn in school, unless for PE.
- Hoodies and jumpers are not allowed (unless they are the school jumper). These will be confiscated on arrival to school after half term. Please ensure your child has a warm winter coat for the colder weather that is approaching

It is also important that every pupil has a fully equipped pencil case, which supports their engagement in lessons and helps them to prepare for the expectations in their assessments and exams.

# Attendance, Punctuality and Illness

We have worked hard to ensure our attendance remains high after the disruption of school closures and periods of self-isolation. You will be contacted daily if your child does not attend school and you have not informed our Attendance Officer of a reason for your child's absence.

Please be reminded that if your child is late to school (without a valid reason) they will be expected to make the time up at the end of the same school day. If your

child is genuinely unwell, please contact the school and inform us through the absence email on: absence@reachfree.co.uk or call the school Reception.

Please can we ask that you do not email Form Tutors or the pastoral team informing them of absences and use the absence email instead.

If your child is unwell in school and makes contact home without informing us, please do not arrive at the school to collect your child before calling and confirming what is wrong. We have a clear procedure which involves your child visiting the School Nurse. They will be assessed before we determine the next steps. If the nurse feels that your child needs to be collected they will contact home to inform you.

# **COVID Testing at Home**

We also would like to encourage regular COVID-19 testing at home in order to ensure we keep infection rates low in the school. If your child receives a positive LFT, log the result on the school link <a href="here">here</a> and ensure they are booked for a confirmatory PCR test. Please inform the school of the result of the PCR as soon as possible.

# **Road Safety: Be Bright to be Seen!**

On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October, we will be setting the clocks back an hour and British Summer Time officially ends. It has recently been reported that road traffic collisions increase by 20% in the fortnight after the changing of the clocks. Sadly, some of those collisions will involve child pedestrians and cyclists. Children under-16 are one of the most vulnerable groups of road users, even more so at this time.

Government statistics show that 58% of children who are killed or seriously injured in a road collision are involved in incidents between 3.00pm and 7.00pm. From next Sunday, many of those will happen in darkness.

We have several pupils who cycle to and from school and many more that walk. Speaking to your children about being vigilant when cycling and walking in the darker winter months is very important. Please remind your children that using their phones and having headphones in, hinders their ability to assess road hazards and that listening to and watching traffic is a vital part of keeping safe.

As a school we actively encourage our pupils to cycle to school. It promotes independence and a healthy lifestyle and we have seen a significant increase since we ran the Bikeability courses earlier this year. If your child chooses to cycle into school, we would like to remind you of the safety guidelines expected.

Please make sure your child has a suitable helmet, which they must wear. Pupils will not be allowed to ride

their bikes off of the school site at the end of the day if they are not wearing a helmet. Now that the nights are drawing in your child will also need lights on their bikes to ensure they are using the road safely.

The resources below will help remind children, especially teenagers, about road safety and safe cycling.

- Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents
- Safety First Cycling at Night
- Facts on Child Casualties

# **Car Parking**

It is imperative that we keep children safe on the school site during drop off and pick up times. Please be reminded of the following, which will help to ensure the smooth flow of traffic and the safety of your children:

- Do not use the staff car park to collect your children unless there have been arrangements made with staff to do so. The Health and Safety Executive have made it clear to schools that cars and pupils should be kept separate during the start and the end of the school day. The staff car park is not supervised by a member of staff.
- Ensure all available spaces are used prior to queueing.
- Keep as close to the next car in front so we can allow for more space and limit the traffic backing up onto the main Uxbridge Road.
- Please do not block the entrance to the school site so that traffic on the Uxbridge Road cannot pass. We have introduced a system this year where parents wait on the Uxbridge Road and the traffic can keep moving. A member of staff will then direct you into the car park when there is sufficient space.
- Refrain from parking on Long Lane, in particular on the bend where it then becomes difficult for residents to use their driveways, is a hazard for children crossing the road and other cars passing.
- Please be considerate of our local residents and do not park in front of driveways, on double yellow lines or blocking entrances and exits to junctions, which creates inconvenience for other road users and hazardous conditions for pedestrians.

We would appreciate your support in this matter and in particular your cooperation if you are asked to move by one of our Senior Leadership team members while they are on duty.

# **Savers Card**

A reminder that the Hertfordshire SaverCard offers reduced fares on some public bus services and more details can be found <a href="here">here</a>, along with details of how to apply. Some bus services are refusing admission for children unless they have a SaverCard so please ensure your child has one if they use the public bus. If you're on a low income or receive benefits you may be able to get a SaverCard for free - <a href="here">apply for help for school travel</a>.

Arriva also offers discounted tickets for pupils and you can access the link here.

## **Online Safety**

Every so often a television programme or video game catches the attention of the national news. Squid Game is the latest offering from Netflix that is receiving such notoriety. We are aware that some younger pupils have watched the series despite the age recommendation.

Please be aware that there have been some trends online recreating versions of the games involved in the series. Vigilance when your child is using social media is key to intercepting them viewing any inappropriate material and preventing them from being involved in such trends.

Monitoring your child's use is important to safeguard them to ensure they are informed of the risks involved in any trends relating to Squid Game or any other inappropriate material.

Last week was National Hate Crime Awareness Week and pupils were informed of the important key messages around this topic. Hate crime is also a topic covered in our REACH Time curriculum, which educates our pupils in what a hate crime is and how to prevent and report one if they witness something of this nature. They are also informed of the consequences of being involved in a hate crime. We always draw their attention to our <u>Behaviour policy</u> and <u>Equality Scheme</u> which outlines the school's drive and ethos for equity.

Please explore this <u>link</u> to discover ways to work with your child around issues that present themselves online.

# **Mental Health and Wellbeing**

As a school we have always provided many aspects of support for the mental health and wellbeing of our pupils, in particular during the pandemic. We continue to recognise that the mental health of young people today is still affected by the impact of the pandemic and seek to ensure that we continue a high level of support for any child that is struggling to manage their wellbeing.

Our Just Talk campaign is still a prevalent part of intervention for the whole school and we will be recognising this during <u>Just Talk</u> week in November, where pupils will be reminded of support networks and resources to help keep positive and mentally healthy.

# **Food Bank**

During the half-term break, the local Foodbank has food available for your family, should you need to use it. You will not need a Foodbank voucher to access the

provision during the holidays - just bring this newsletter and some form of identity.

Opening Times of Distribution Centres:

Monday - Friday 10.00am - 11.00am

Abbots Langley - St. Lawrence Church Office, High St.

Abbots Langley WD5 0AS

Food can also be accessed from the adjacent CAB offices in Abbots Langley on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10.00am - 12.00pm.

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Monday 1.00pm - 3.00pm Croxley Green Baptist Church, Baldwins Lane, WD3 3LH

Tuesday 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Mill End - Methodist Church, Berry Lane WD3 7HJ

Friday 10.00am - 12.00pm

Mill End - Methodist Church, Berry Lane WD3 7HJ

If you have any problems accessing any of these centres then please feel free to phone Rickmansworth Foodbank on 0771 685 689.

# Twitter - Daily tweets push us to 3,223 in total

Our daily tweets give an insight into life at school and helpful snippets of support and advice. Follow us @reachfreeschool to get the latest news from our pupils and staff. Do not worry if you are not on Twitter as these are all directly accessible on the website <a href="https://example.com/here/here/">here</a>.

# **Diary Dates 2021/22**

Here are the important calendar dates for the school.

Autumn Term 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup>

December

October

25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October: Half Term

**November** 

1<sup>st</sup> November All pupils return to school 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November: GCSE English Exam (Resits)

 $2^{nd}$ ,  $4^{th}$  and  $8^{th}$ 

November: GCSE Mathematics Exam (Resits)

11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

November: Year 10 Mock Interviews

11<sup>th</sup> November: UKMT Senior Maths Challenge 15<sup>th</sup> November: Just Talk Campaign Week Young People's Health and

17<sup>th</sup> November: Young People's How Wellbeing Survey

17<sup>th</sup> November: Sixth Form Open Evening

22<sup>nd</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup>

December: Year 11 Mock Examinations

25<sup>th</sup> November: Year 8 HPV1 Vaccinations 26<sup>th</sup> November: Rickmansworth Winter Fair 29<sup>th</sup> November: Occasional Day - School Closed

#### **December**

6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December: Years 12 and 13 Mock

Examinations

7<sup>th</sup> December Year 11 Art Mock Exam

7<sup>th</sup> December: Year 13 EMC Poetry Conference Year 11 Hospitality and Catering

7<sup>th</sup> December: Trip to the Shard

8<sup>th</sup> December: School Christmas Dinner

9<sup>th</sup> December: Year 7 Panto Trip 14<sup>th</sup> December: Year 7 Zilcho's Trip

Year 9 (and year 10 Drama)

6th January to 1st April

14<sup>th</sup> December: theatre trip - The Curious

Incident

14<sup>th</sup> December: Year 13 Drama Dress Rehearsal
15<sup>th</sup> December: Year 13 Drama performance
Year 10 English Trip - A Christmas

16<sup>yh</sup> December: Carol

16<sup>th</sup> December: GCSE and A-Level Presentation

Evening

17<sup>th</sup> December: Term Ends at 12.45pm

# Spring Term 2022 January

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> January: Staff INSET

6<sup>th</sup> January: Pupils return to school
7<sup>th</sup> January: Year 9 DTP/Male Vaccinations

10<sup>th</sup> January: CNAT Sport Exam

10<sup>th</sup> January: CTEC Business Unit 1 Exam
11<sup>th</sup> January: CTEC Sport Unit 1 Exam
CTEC Applied Science Unit 1

11<sup>th</sup> January: Exam

12<sup>th</sup> January: CNAT Business Exam
12<sup>th</sup> January: CTEC Business Unit 2 Exam
12<sup>th</sup> January: CTEC IT Unit 2 Exam

12<sup>th</sup> January: Year 11 Elevate - Finishing Line

13<sup>th</sup> January: CTEC Sport Unit 3 Exam

14<sup>th</sup> January: BTEC Travel and Tourism Exam

17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January: Year 9 End of KS3 Exams 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> January: Year 10 Mock Exams

#### **February**

7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> February: Children's Mental Health Week 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> February: Year 12 Geography Field Trip 11<sup>th</sup> February: Women in Science Day

14th to 18th February: Half Term

23<sup>rd</sup> February: Year 8 'Matilda' English trip

#### March

2<sup>nd</sup> March: Year 10 and 13 Theatre Trip
Year 12 Parents' Consultation

3<sup>rd</sup> March:

Evening

12<sup>th</sup> March:
Year 7 to 10 Parents'
Consultation Day

11<sup>th</sup> March:
Parents' Forum

14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March:
British Science Week

18<sup>th</sup> March: Occasional Day - School Closed

**April** 

1<sup>st</sup> April: Term Ends at 12.45pm

Summer Term 2022 19th April to 21st July

19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April: Staff INSET

21<sup>st</sup> April: Pupils return to school

May

2<sup>nd</sup> May Bank Holiday 30<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Half Term

June

6<sup>th</sup> June: Pupils return to school 8<sup>th</sup> June: Year 8 HPV2 Vaccinations

10<sup>th</sup> June: Parents' Forum

13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June: Year 10 Work Experience

July

21<sup>st</sup> July: Term Ends at 12.45pm

22<sup>nd</sup> July: Occasional Day 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July: Staff INSET

If you would like downloadable or printable versions of the school calendar you can find them on our website or via the links below. The term dates for 2021/22 are available <a href="https://example.com/here/be/here/">here</a>.

## Term Dates 2022/ 23

The Governing Body have approved the 2022/23 term dates, which can be found <u>here</u>. Please note that the school will close a day earlier at the end of the Summer Term than previously published. The last day of the Summer Term will be **Thursday 21**st **July 2022**.



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