

From the Principal...

Students have benefited from some great external visitors this week including the Grand Union Orchestra and Cam Performance coaching. We have also had some fabulous showcase achievements in the arts. I look forward to seeing the amazing outcomes from Monday and Tuesday's GCSE art exam.

It was great to see so many parents/carers in College this week for the Year 6 induction meeting and Key Stage 4 study skills evening. We have developed the format and contents of these events in response to feedback. Thank you for your support and engagement. A significant focus of these evenings was home-school relationships and support of our young people. My message to Year 6 Parents about taking an active interest in the use of their children's mobile devices in terms of the 4 Cs - content, contact, conduct and commercialisation - is equally relevant to parents/carers of students in other year groups.

The concept of safety has been explored in this week's assemblies to encourage students to explore the psychological and physical need for feeling safe. This is particularly pertinent to how students address issues inside and outside of school that may make themselves or others feel unsafe. Please do reinforce this with conversations at home.

We are also trialling changes to the way in which we conduct Parent Forum activities. The next one will take place on 2nd May through a carousel of sessions in tandem with Year 8 Parents' Evening for parents of all year groups to attend. Further invitation details will follow separately.



Helena Marsh



Curwen Bursary

Over Spring half term a group of Year 10 students spent time at the Curwen Print Studio after successfully applying for the Alper Bursary. This was set up by the Curwen Press

founder Sam Alper and allows students to spend time at the studio in very small groups, supported by a professional printmaker. Work produced can be added to the students' GCSE Portfolios and the experience has a highly beneficial impact on their progress. This year the students were Olivia Barker-Grocott, Olivia Clarke, Rachael Osborne, Imogen Cowell, Shana Hazell and Nyah Bunting. Illustrated is one of the prints made by Rachael Osborne, developed from a lino cut she had made in College. This striking image has also been selected to feature on the Curwen Print Studio website. The students learnt a lot from the day, enjoyed exploring new and different methods of printmaking and found the Victorian printing presses absolutely fascinating and impressive in equal measure. *Mrs McGrath*

Comic Relief

Thank you to all students that purchased red noses from Reception. We managed to raise £101.57 for Comic Relief.

Mrs Darvill



Chateau Trip

Thirty six Year 10 students have spent a full week in France where they were fully immersed in the language

and the culture. They had many opportunities to discover new things; from milking a goat, tasting cheese, making bread to running through the mud in the assault course and having French lessons. We also visited the fortified seaside town of Saint Malo in Brittany - it was fantastic to be able to enjoy the sunshine on the beach in March! Pupils spoke French all week and it was incredible to see their confidence grow and their fluent use of the language by the end of the week. *Madame Cherrier*

This Week's Assemblies...

This week's assemblies have focused on the word safe (what it means and why it is so important). We have shared Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Human Needs Theory with students so they understand how fundamental being and feeling safe is for human fulfilment. We also talked to students about the barriers to balanced decision making in adolescence due to their pre-frontal cortex developing. *Mrs Matarazzo*



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Payment

31.03.19	Black Jumpers (Year 11s Only)
04.04.19	Woman in Black Trip
24.04.19	Ski Trip 2020 2nd Deposit
24.04.19	KS4 Cooking Club
26.04.19	Snowdon 2019
30.04.19	Final Payment for School Bus
24.05.19	Year 11 Leavers' Yearbook
24.05.19	Year 11 Leavers' Ball



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Dates for your Diary

1-2 April	GCSE Art Exam
1-5 April	Year 11 MFL Speaking Exams
2 April	Duke of Edinburgh Meeting 18.00 - 20.00
5 April	Last Day of Term
8-22 April	Easter Holidays
23 April	Start of Summer Term
26 April	Year 7 Party 19.00 - 21.00

