

Parent Forum Meeting
Thursday 3rd March 2016



New Developments



- ❧ KS4 and KS5 after school and Saturday morning revision classes take place this module. Staff are currently planning Easter holiday sessions. Details can be found on our website.
- ❧ Kent has agreed that we will have a new building for September 2017.
- ❧ We are going to make the colleges smaller by introducing a third college (Jupiter). The teaching of Years 8 to 11 will remain unaffected. Year 7 will be timetabled as completely separate colleges.

Standing Items



- ❧ Attendance is currently 94.85%
- ❧ Exams – Post 16 students will be sitting internal mock exams on 17th & 18th March.
- ❧ GCSE English literature results came in this week. They have risen from 37% to 53%. Year 11 students are currently doing their speaking & listening exams for iGCSE English Language.
- ❧ Phones – We have had a dramatic decrease in the inappropriate use of mobile phones in lessons.
- ❧ Teaching & Learning - All staff are being observed by the senior team and Mr Beamish, The Trust Chief Executive, on Friday 11th March.
- ❧ New appointments: Science – Thomas Hanna & Amanda Horsely, Geography – Suzanne Leach, Mandy Marsh – English, Cara Brown - ICT.



Trips



- ❧ BBC A level Live Science – Monday 7th March 2016
- ❧ Year 10 Horticulture trip to Kew Gardens – Friday 11th March 2016
- ❧ A level Science trip to Wildwood – Tuesday 15th March & Wednesday 23rd March
- ❧ 16th March Year 13 Stepping Up UCAS Event & Year 12 visit to the University of Kent
- ❧ 21st March Year 11 English Intervention at Kent Scouting HQ

Student Achievements



- ❧ Haig Spalding has achieved the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award
- ❧ The Tri-Wizard Tournament to coincide with World Book Day has involved students in all years (and staff) . Students came dressed in Harry Potter costumes today. A series of events have taken place – Muggle chess, a Horcrux challenge and a Quidditch match.
- ❧ Student Leaders have been interviewed and the following students have been appointed: Rhianne Croucher-Parsons, Charlie Morgan, Ben Rosati, Niamh Nash, Beth Carter-Hart, Faye Sarakinis, Jonjo Heuerman, Morgan Hepton, Molly Plummer, Lewis McGarrigle, & Toby Chapman
- ❧ 53% of our Year 11 students achieved GCSE grade C or above in English literature – up from 37%.

Curriculum



Action Day on 15th March 2016 - A wide range of topics will be covered:

Feminism, Tolerance, Puberty, Business & Brexit

British values, Creatively British, Careers,

and C.V. writing

iGCSE English Language Speaking and Listening exams are currently taking place.

Events



Year 8 Parents/Options Evening – 5.00 – 8.00pm Tuesday
15th March 2016

Monday 21st March 2016 - Easter Music Showcase in the
Lecture Theatre

15th & 16th April “We Will Rock You” School Production

Year 10 Parents Evening – 5.00 – 8.00 pm 19th April 2016

A.O.B.



1. Concerns about the crossing on the bend in Common Lane from the footpath. Mr Dedross will raise this with Kent Highways Dept.
2. Show My Homework – Parents are pleased with the rapid feedback but would like more information about the work (grades, comments etc.). Mr Dedross to follow this up.
3. Mr Dedross explained how students would be selected for the new Jupiter College.
4. There are currently no plans for student lockers for PE kit, Chromebooks etc.. The need to respect student property will be raised in assemblies.