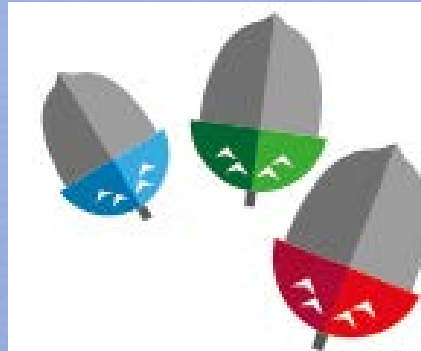


# Parent Voice Meeting

## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017



# New Developments



- ❧ **Reach for the Stars** programme is in its ninth week and is having a positive effect on Year 11 classes. A number of rewards have been given.
- ❧ We had a visit from an Ofsted trained consultant on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May to assess our progress with our IBCP application. He observed 25 lessons and found the quality of teaching to be consistently good and outstanding in a significant minority of cases.
- ❧ We have moved to a new MIS system with Bromcom. There has been a thorough training programme for staff and it is now used in all lessons and for all admin.
- ❧ The Year 8 Options process is complete. All but 3 students have got their choices.

# Standing Items



- ☞ Attendance is currently 95.1%.
- ☞ We are fully staffed in all subject areas. Mr Ryan Willington (Drama) and Mr Anthony Farr Junior (Head of Geography) took up their new posts and have made an impressive start.
- ☞ Our new mobiles are currently being installed and we hope to start using them after half-term.
- ☞ A new pathway is being constructed from Tredegar Road to a gate in the staff car park to avoid students crossing Common Lane on the dangerous bend.
- ☞ Kent have widened the footpath where we have had cases of students being clipped by bus & van wing mirrors.



# Trips



- 5<sup>th</sup> May Year 8 Football Final at the Guru Nanak Football Club in Gravesend – lots of support needed. Address: Guru Nanak FC, Khalsa Avenue, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1LU. Kick off is at 5.30pm.
- 12<sup>th</sup> May Post 16 Sports Trip to St Georges Park, the FA National Sports Centre.
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June Year 7 Trip to Bath & Bristol
- 17<sup>th</sup> July Trip to Barcelona with Longfield Academy in July.
- Last week of term – College activities week.
- Sri Lanka Trip – February 2018.

# Student Progress



- ❧ Year 9 Parents Evening on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May to discuss progress.
- ❧ The summer GCSE, BTEC & A level exam timetable is published on the school website.
- ❧ The Year 10 mock exam timetable is published on the school website.
- ❧ Our Year 7 football team are the Dartford District School Football Champions . They beat Wilmington Grammar School for boys in the final 5:3 on Wednesday afternoon.

Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable June/July 2017

Date	Periods	Subject	Venue	Length of paper
Monday 19th June	5 & 6	Year 10 English Language Paper 1	Sports Hall & 7C	1 hour 45 mins
Tuesday 20th June	5 & 6	Year 10 Maths Paper 1 (F & H tiers)	Sports Hall & 7C	1 hour 30 mins
Wednesday 21st June	n/a			
Thursday 22nd June	5 & 6	Year 10 English Language Paper 2	Sports Hall & 7C	2 hours
Friday 23rd June	1 & 2	Year 10 Maths Paper 2 (F & H tiers)	Sports Hall & 7C	1 hour 30 mins
Monday 26th June	All day	Year 10 Art Digital Photography	Year 10 J4 J5	All day
Tuesday 27th June	All day	Year 10 Art Digital Photography	Year 10 J4 J5	All day
Wednesday 28th June	1 & 2	Year 10 Block A Engineering Citizenship French	Sports Hall & 7C	Various 1 hour 1 hour 15 mins 1 hour 15 mins
Thursday 29th June	2 & 3	Science * - move external GCE English to lecture theatre or S8a.	Sports Hall & 7C	1 hour 30 mins
Friday 30th June	1 & 2	Geography History	Sports Hall & 7C	1 hour 15 mins 1 hour 15 mins

Monday 3rd July	All day	Year 9 Art Group 1 Year 9 Art Group 2	J4 J5	All day
Monday 3rd July	1 & 2	Year 10 Maths Paper 3 (F & H tiers)	Sports Hall & 7C	1 hour 30 mins
Monday 3rd July	5 & 6	Year 10 Block C Astronomy Catering	Sports Hall & 7C	2 hours 1 hour 30 mins
Tuesday 4th July	1 & 2	Year 10 Block B Product Design Catering Spanish	Sports Hall & 7C	2 hours 1 hour 30 mins 1 hour 15 mins
Wednesday 5th July	All day	Year 9 Digital Photography	J5	All day
Thursday 6th July	All day	Year 10 Graphical Communication	J4	All day
Friday 7th July	All day	Year 10 Graphical Communication	J4	All day



# A.O.B.



Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017 6.00pm to 7.00pm

- Parents would like the English Department to be in two rooms on Parent Evenings to reduce crowding.
- Teachers to be strict on times and length of appointments at Parent Evenings.
- Office to send text reminders for next Parent Voice meeting.
- The use of BYOD (Bring Your Own Devices) to be a focus for all lessons in module 6 to increase the use of them by students.
- Students will have their Year 8 option choices confirmed next week. We have re-written the timetable to factor in an additional class to match demand. Nearly all (199/200) students have got their first choices in blocks A and B. The final decisions on the humanities options will be made after the end of year 8 exams.
- Parents agreed that they would consider contributing a voluntary small sum in Years 10 and 11 to fund materials for engineering and product design.