

From the Head Teacher

Coming Up This week: Pi Day, Y11 Dress Up Day, Rewards Assemblies Next week: Easter Holidays

A huge congratulations to Year 10 for getting to the end of their mock season, all staff have commented on how hard they have worked and the manner with which they have approached the exams. Well done all!

Next week we are being visited by the mini farm as part of the Geography curriculum and have our famous Year 11 dress up day. This is an enjoyable day in the school calendar where we celebrate the hard work the year group has done and mark the start of our final run into the exam season.

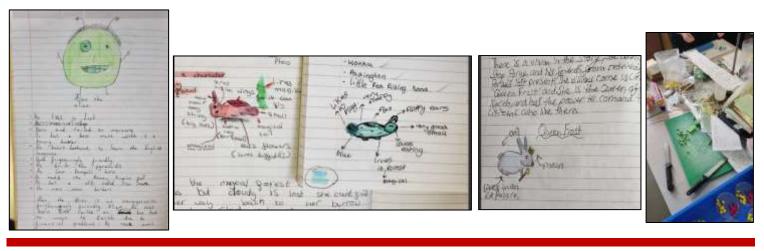
This will start as soon as we return on the 8th of April with the German speaking exams. We strongly encourage all Year 11 students to use the Easter break as an opportunity to close gaps and prepare as well as they can. There are a lot of resources on our Year 11 page on the website to support this.

Have a good and restful weekend.

Special Mentions

World Book Day

World Book Day was last week, and a variety of activities took place across the school to celebrate. The Science Faculty looked at 'designer dinosaurs' inspired by Jurassic Park, the MFL faculty looked at the German equivalent of the Mr Me and Little Miss books, and the English faculty looked at creating children's book characters.



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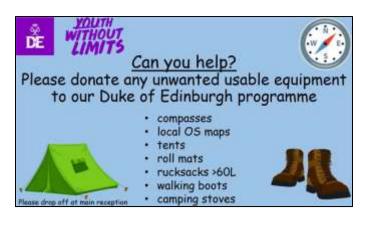


School News

Mental Health Tip:

Making plans for things we enjoy can increase our sense of hope, which is important for our mental health. Your plan could be for anything from small pleasures, like a cup of tea or your favourite TV programme or dance class, to a trip with family or friends, or seeing your favourite film, sports team or singer.

Duke of Edinburgh



Book Corner

Maisie A in Year 10 is reading *It Starts With Us* by Colleen Hoover. Maisie is a fan of Coleen Hoover, who



has written a string of best sellers. It is a sequel to her first book and focusses on a young woman



falling in love with someone and quickly realising he is not who she thought he was. She would recommend it to older readers as it has some more complex themes.

Year 11 Fancy Dress

Next Friday is our annual Fancy Dress Day for Year 11. This is a much looked forward reward for all their hard work so far and all monies raised go towards their Prom. However, it is important that students remember that this is a normal school day so they will need bags and books, they also need to ensure that their costumes are appropriate for school. Pupils have been given information on what is ok and know to check with Mrs Grant or Mrs Stokes if they are unsure. I cannot wait to see the range of characters we get this year!

Restricted Areas

Please can we remind students that there are certain areas of the school that are out of bounds during break times, lunch times and before school starts (such as the Art corridor.) If students are found to be in these out of bounds areas before school or during break and lunch time, then they will be given a detention. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all. Thank you for your support.

Uniform Expectations

As Easter approaches and hopefully the weather starts to improve, **please can we draw your attention to the uniform policy on the school website** in case you were considering replacing any items in readiness for the summer. There have been no changes to the uniform expectations, and this includes the expectation that no make-up will be worn.

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Engage

Y10 Hospitality and Catering

Year 10 completed a creative plate styling task earlier this week, where they were able to apply some of the revision topics in a practical situation.



MFL Book Cluedo

9W/Gn1 played Cluedo with a book twist this week. Students worked in groups of 4 and took turns to guess the hidden book genre, reading location and opinion of the book. This speaking game encourages students to form opinion sentences with *gern* phrases and to listen carefully to each other's predictions.



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House

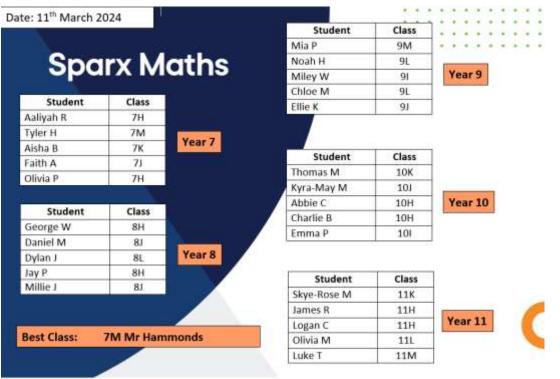
Bronze certificates continue to be awarded to students who have reached 500 house points, recognising their exceptional efforts. We are immensely proud of their achievements. Last week, Connor D and Connor J, both Year 8 students, received a Headteacher's award during break time. They were

Rank	House	House Points
1 st	Churchill	119641
2 nd	Moorcroft	110304
3 rd	Bridgewater	101094
4 th	Doulton	100932
5 th	Wedgwood	85776

treated to refreshments and cakes in celebration of their accomplishment. Both students earned over 50 house points in a single week, and we wanted to honour their success.

Bridgewater has secured the third place on the leader board. Congratulations to you and your housemates for this achievement!

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