

1st March 2019*GCSE Examinations start in **73** days*

Dear Parent/Guardian

This week the Breakfast Blast revision sessions have started for Year 11 and will continue on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays up until the GCSE examinations start. The sessions have been very well attended and the feedback from pupils has been very positive. Year 11s are being given every opportunity to prepare and revise thoroughly and they all need to ensure that they make the most of the support which is on offer. The after-school revision, including pizza revision sessions will continue to run and there are timetables available to view on the school website giving full details. There will also be Easter revision sessions during the first week of the Easter holidays and Year 11 parents will be receiving a letter in the coming week to confirm the exact details of what will be available so that pupils can sign up and secure their place. I urge pupils to attend wherever possible. If the importance of this could be reinforced at home that would be very much appreciated and finally a big thank you to staff who are going above and beyond to ensure that our pupils secure the best outcomes they are capable of.

Revision guides for Year 11s

Parents/carers it is really important that your child has received all of the revision guides for their forthcoming GCSE examinations. We have them available in school, they are valuable tools for assisting your child to develop and revisit skills in preparation for when the exams commence. Ask your child to speak to their Class Teacher if they missing any guides from any subjects. Thank you for your continued support and please feel free to contact school should you wish to discuss this further.



Well done to 7E – this week they were rewarded for earning the most smilies in one week. Their reward was in the form of a 'Top Table' in the dining room at lunchtime. They had tasty treats and the table was dressed up and sectioned off especially for them. Mr Ribot their Form Tutor joined them for lunch and they all had a really pleasant time together.



Ten Year 10 pupils enjoyed a day at the University of Manchester on Wednesday this week. They met with Year 10 pupils from two other secondary schools and took part in a variety of workshops aimed at raising their aspirations in education. The pupils behaved extremely well and presented the school in a very positive manner. Each of the workshops had a different theme, one being biomedical science, then the history of music and the final one analysing bones of a dinosaur to determine its cause of death. Very exciting stuff!

On Wednesday 13th March Year 10 will have the opportunity to take part in a mock interview day. Mrs Bollard-Wilkes is co-ordinating the event and has arranged for a variety of employers to come into school and interview every pupil in Year 10. This will give pupils a fantastic opportunity to gain feedback and ensure they are more prepared when they come to the real thing. We all know how difficult it is to prepare for an interview so this insight will be invaluable for our young people.

There have been recent reports in nearly every major news channel about 'Momo'. In response to this, National Online Safety have created a balanced guide (a copy is attached to this newsletter) which provides parents and carers with information to help. We encourage parents and carers to read this guide which includes tips to better monitor online activity and have meaningful conversations with their children about online safety.

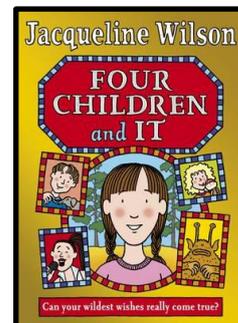


Bert the Bookworm Recommends...

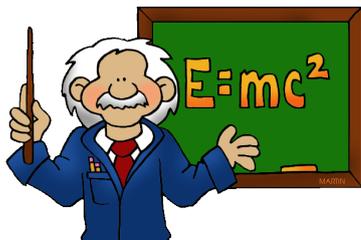
Four Children and IT by Jacqueline Wilson

Four Children and IT is one of my most favourite books ever (coming after Lord Loss). It's all about a wonderful family who find IT and get their wishes, from flying, singing, reading and zoos. This book will blow your mind.

Kelsey Bird (8E)



Numeracy Question



The answer to the last numeracy question is 1596.

This week's numeracy question is: Karen took off from Birmingham at 9.08am local time and landed at Chicago at 11.55am local time. If Chicago is 6 hours behind England, how long did the flight last?

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs H Stead
Headteacher