



# Weekly Newsletter

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

### Christmas Jumper Day!

It was great to see so many students looking extra festive and donating to a good cause too. Taking part in this event, and doing something silly for a good cause, will help support some of the world's most vulnerable children in the UK and around the world. Thank you to students and their families for supporting today.

### Dance Showcase

We just want to wish a final 'good luck' to Miss Nunn and the dance students who are attending the Dance Showcase at CCCU on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December.



**Please Note:** The evening performance has been brought forward an hour by popular request to ensure you are able to get home for the second half of the England match. We hope this change accommodates everyone's plans!

### Free School Meals

A reminder of the recent message sent to parents/carers by Mr Dickens:



We have been instructed by KCC to order a £20 food voucher for each child eligible for Free School Meals to cover the Christmas Holidays. The vouchers have been ordered, through Wonde as usual, to come to your email address on Saturday 17 December. You will know that the vouchers feed out slowly throughout the day so please be patient. Please do email Mr Dickens if you haven't received anything by Monday.

There are about 30 vouchers still on the system that have not been claimed from the last half term holiday in October. It would be helpful if you could download these. They will also be sent again, but there are also some that are halfway through the process, waiting for you to choose a supermarket. If you are having problems, please do get in touch by email or phone.

### Increased incidences of scarlet fever

Do please check your messages from the school as we were recently asked by Public Health England to send some guidance to parents and carers regarding the recent increase in notifications of scarlet fever. The letter contains details of the signs, symptoms and actions to be taken if you are worried that you or your child might have scarlet fever/Strep A.

### Christmas/End of Term Prize Giving Assemblies

Our annual Christmas prize giving for years 7 to 11 is taking place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This year, students will be awarded certificates for **Effort**.

### National Rail Strikes – a reminder:

Just a reminder to all about the upcoming national rail strikes:

**Strike action on 13, 14, 16 & 17 December + 3, 4, 6 & 7 January**

Strike action is due to take place on the following dates:  
**December:** Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14, Friday 16, Saturday 17.  
**January:** Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4, Friday 6, Saturday 7.

- There will be a very limited service running on these dates and some routes will be closed. If you are travelling, please plan ahead and check your first and last train times.
- There will be a later start up on the days after strike action. Trains can't run until Network Rail staff begin their shifts. First trains may be busy and queueing systems will be in place.

You can find the latest information here: [southeasternrailway.co.uk/strike-action](https://southeasternrailway.co.uk/strike-action)

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# STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week for w/c 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022



Daisy Thorne  
Y8  
34 House Points



Phoebe Bruce  
Y7  
92 House Points



Oscar Cheeseman  
Y7  
52 House Points



Phoebe Russell  
Y7  
151 House Points

## STAGGERED DISMISSAL TIMES for w/c 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

| Day            | Year 7  | Year 8  | Year 9  | Year 10 | Year 11 | Year 12 | Year 13 |
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| Mon, Tues, Wed | 3.20pm  | 3.15pm  | 3.10pm  | 3.30pm  | 3.25pm  | 3.30pm  | 3.30pm  |
| Thursday only  | 2.20pm  | 2.15pm  | 2.10pm  | 2.30pm  | 2.25pm  | 2.30pm  | 2.30pm  |
| Friday only    | 12.20pm | 12.15pm | 12.10pm | 12.30pm | 12.25pm | 12.30pm | 12.30pm |

### Spotlight on...Year 11 Big Interview

The Year 11 'Big Interview' was a fantastic opportunity for students to gain experience in having a mock interview before they have their interviews for real, when applying for Sixth Form, College, an apprenticeship or full employment. Consultants from the local housing provider Optivo conducted the 20 minute interviews with each student asking them a range of questions around personal skills, attitude and ambition. It is important to give students as many employer encounters as possible and develop their employability skills so that they are confident and ready for their next step after school. All of our Year 11 students did amazingly well although some of the top performers included; Reece L, Liam W, Cameron H, Marshall L, Milly P and Emily H. These students were able to answer the questions confidently, talk with enthusiasm and were smartly presented. Emily C commented: "I was really nervous before but once we started talking I was fine and it was not as scary as I thought. I think it's really good that we are given this opportunity because I now know what to expect and I am more confident about it now."



### End of term arrangements

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> is Christmas Dinner Day. We intend to make this annual lunch as 'jolly and festive' as possible so our children can start to get in the festive mood!

The dinner was originally priced at £3.00 but we are delighted to advise that the school is subsidising the price of the meal by 0.60p to allow a full Christmas dinner and dessert to be available for only £2.40. We hope as many students as possible take advantage of this – it's truly fantastic food from our new suppliers, Independent Catering.



### Last day of term

The arrangements for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December are as follows:

- FSM children to collect their lunch during the morning
- 11.30am – students return to form for end of term 'activities'
- 12.00pm – afternoon registration followed by a phased dismissal
  - 12.10pm – Year 9
  - 12.15pm – Year 8
  - 12.20pm – Year 7
  - 12.25pm – Year 11
  - 12.30pm – Year 10/12/13

### House News

In the final week of this term the tutor group in each year group with the highest number of house points accumulated for term 2 will have a reward non-uniform day on **Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Watch out for an email on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** with the list of winning forms. Please note this non-uniform day will only apply to one form group in each year group.

### Head of House Elections

As you'll be aware, we are currently voting for a Head of House, plus a deputy. Students have been asked to cast their vote for the student in each house who they believe deserve to be the head of each house. The candidate in each house with the highest number of votes will become the head of house and the runner-up will be the deputy. There will be an announcement at the end of term regarding these results. The candidates have all done brilliantly to get this far with a rigorous application process including giving speeches in assemblies. *Please do encourage students to cast their votes!*

### Head of House news:

The following students have made it to the final 2 of the Head of House application process. You will have the chance for who you would like to be your head of house. Details coming soon!

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| <br>Voyager   | <b>Endeavour:</b><br>Isabella Halsey and Logan Wood |
| <br>Pioneer   | <b>Pioneer:</b><br>Oliver Smith and Oscar Cheeseman |
| <br>Discovery | <b>Voyager:</b><br>Olivia Irving and Maddie Sharpe  |
| <br>Pioneer   | <b>Discovery:</b><br>Izzy Johnson and Daisy Thorne  |

### Upcoming Key Dates

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| <p><b>KS4 Dance Showcase at CCCU</b><br/> <b>Year 9 'University Life' workshop</b><br/> <b>Christmas Prize Giving</b><br/> <b>Christmas Dinner</b><br/> <b>GCSE Practical Dance Exam</b><br/> <b>End of Term 2 – early closure</b><br/> <b>Return to school for Term 3</b><br/> <b>Apprenticeship Information Workshop</b><br/> <b>Year 12/13 Consultation Evening</b><br/> <b>Year 9 Digital Footprint Workshop</b><br/> <b>Year 9 Digital Footprint Workshop</b><br/> <b>KS5 Sport CCCU Trip</b><br/> <b>Year 9 Consultation Evening</b><br/> <b>HPV Dose 1 for Year 8</b><br/> <b>HPV Dose 2 for Year 9</b><br/> <b>Year 11, 12, 13 Mock Exam Week</b><br/> <b>Year 7 Humanities Trip to Canterbury</b><br/> <b>Swale Youth Forum Day</b><br/> <b>Year 10 Consultation Evening</b><br/> <b>Year 8 Consultation Evening</b><br/> <b>Year 7 Consultation Evening</b></p> | <p>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December<br/>                 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December<br/>                 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December<br/>                 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December<br/>                 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December<br/> <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b><br/>                 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023<br/>                 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023<br/>                 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023<br/>                 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023<br/>                 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023<br/>                 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023<br/>                 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023<br/>                 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023<br/>                 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023<br/>                 w/c Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023<br/>                 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023<br/>                 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023<br/>                 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023<br/>                 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023<br/>                 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023</p> |
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