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Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Recent Events in the Middle East

If your child has been unsettled by recent events, this week's #WakeUpWednesday guide has some insightful tips for helping young people deal with worrying news content that they may have seen online. The scale of last weekend's surprise attacks by Hamas militants on Israel has staggered Israel and the world.

Older children with access to the internet should be encouraged to be sceptical of videos shared on social media and offered help with evaluating news sources, experts said. And for younger children, it can be important to assure them of their safety. They may actually think it's happening much closer to them than it is. They may not realize quite how far away in the world these events are happening. Parents can use a map to show the distance between their home and where the conflict is occurring.

The news is alarming for anyone — and especially for children, who may be left grappling with questions about why other children are among those affected, and whether they are safe. Here's some advice on how to get started talking about the conflict. https://t.co/uW4px5SUYu



Kent Air Ambulance 'Restart a Heart'

As you are aware, one of our charities that we have chosen to support this year is the Kent, Sussex and Surrey Air Ambulance. Throughout the year there will be a number of activities to raise money for them, from cake sales, to competitions, to selling products that hopefully our students will create using their amazing talents. The importance of being able to offer life-saving care is so essential, and the KSS are running a campaign to increase engagement



and awareness of CPR, entitled 'Restart a Heart Day with KSS'.

This is due to take place on Monday 16th October and their aim is for our community to have a deeper understanding of cardiac arrest, its occurrence rates, and common locations. They want us to learn together why early CPR and defibrillation are crucial for saving lives.

This is an online event, and the secondary school sessions are at 12:00 and 14:15 on Monday 16th October. The link to these sessions can be found here, where you can also download information packs:

https://aakss.org.uk/get-involved/restart-a-heart-day-livestream-links/

We hope as many of you as are able, take up this great opportunity.

Year 11 GCSE Support

GCSE Maths revision sessions will begin in Term 2. This will be Wednesdays after school, from 15:30 to 16:30. The sessions will take place in the maths corridor with a variety of teachers, focusing on graded questions and general



revision. Students should look out for the posters for more information. Everyone is welcome. Please note, intervention will not run on dates that coincide with parent consultation evenings



All English teachers are running afterschool revision on Tuesdays, from 3:30-4:30 (except for Nicola, who finishes after period 4, and intends to offer a morning session - no need to advertise that, though, she can inform her own classes).

Science sessions for Term 2 are on Mondays in B1 & B9 with the first 3 weeks covering Biology topics. Chemistry and Physics will follow in weeks 4 - 7.



Top Quality Homework!



Wet wanted to highlight this absolutely fantastic piece of geography homework that exceeded the expectations of a poster of an African country!

Roxy in year 7 sent us a photograph of her finished poster and also made a video of how she made it using her sewing machine.

We think you'll agree with us that this is an outstanding piece of work!

Well done Roxy - 'BeTheBestYouCanBe

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week for w/c 9th October 2023









2023

Sixth Form Open Evening





THE ABBEY SCHOOL

Macev Powell Y10 **67 House Points**

STAGGERED DISMISSAL TIMES for w/c 30th October 2023

Day	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Mon, Tues, Wed,							
Fri	3.20pm	3.15pm	3.10pm	3.25pm	3.30pm	3.30pm	3.30pm
Thursday only	2.20pm	2.15pm	2.10pm	2.25pm	2.30pm	2.30pm	2.30pm

Spotlight on... Sixth Form Careers Events



On Tuesday, we welcomed the University of Greenwich. Our first session was an assembly looking at progression opportunities into HTQs. 6th form students have been given an insight into a different route where the qualification will provide them with technical skills to secure jobs in specific industries.

During the sessions, Greenwich University were joined by Charlton Athletic Community Trust to deliver further information surrounding qualifications specifically aligned to sport careers. 6th form sport science students were joined by some year 11 students, to gain an understanding into Sport related HTQs and the progression opportunities these can provide.





Upcoming Key Dates

HALF-TERM (2 weeks) Start of Term 2 **Open Morning** Y7 Kent Fire & Rescue Assembly History GCSE Surgery and Q&A Y12 Sport Science CCCU Trip Year 11 & Year 13 Mock Exams 6th Form Open Evening Y12 Sport Science CCCU Trip Year 11 Parents' Evening **Apprenticeship Workshop** Year 11 BIG INTERVIEWS Year 11 BIG INTERVIEWS Year 11 BIG INTERVIEWS Year 7 Pantomime Trip to the Marlowe





Monday 16th October

Monday 30th October Monday 30th October Monday 6th November Tuesday 7th November Thursday 9th November w/c Monday 13th November Wednesday 15th November Thursday 16th November Wednesday 29th November Wednesday 6th December Wednesday 6th December Thursday 7th December Friday 8th December Wednesday 13th December



Wednesday 15th November

Main Hall Presentation-6.00pm

Dining Hall Course Displays

University Representatives **CXK** Advice

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