

## Parental Bulletin

19<sup>th</sup> – 23rd November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Well the Mock exams are at last over for our year 11s, but that just marks the start of Assessment week for all of our other students! Staff and students will be working furiously over the next couple of weeks completing their assessments but, more importantly, then undertaking 'DIRT' – Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time. This is time we set aside for students following exams and assessments to go through their work; identify areas of their learning they need to build on; and go back and 'relearn' those elements before moving onto the next topic. It is a key foundation of our Mastery approach to learning and almost the most critical part of our process. Hard work, but worth it!

Yesterday, Year 10 had an amazing day of exploring their futures at the NEC in Birmingham at the World Skills Show. Apart from coming back with goody bags from a huge range of Businesses and 6<sup>th</sup> form Providers, I hope that our year 10s have come back with a range of ideas for their future education and careers – please do speak with them about what they saw and what their future might hold! Congratulate them too: from all the schools that were there on the day Kingswinford Students were very definitely the smartest and best behaved so I am sure will have given a host of future employers a very good impression of our school.

Our Year 7s and 8s have been busy on the football fields over the past week with Y7 beating St James Academy (Castle High) 3-2 on Wednesday and Y8 narrowly missing out on the finals of the Secondary Schools Football Festival in West Brom yesterday.

A busy week for all, then, but a strong one for our students. Well done to all of our students!

Please enjoy your weekend.

Yours faithfully

Tom Macdonald  
Headteacher

## Calendar for the week

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Krypton House Assembly</li> </ul>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helium House Assembly</li> <li>• PTA Meeting 5.00 pm-6.00 pm in the Refectory</li> </ul>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Argon House Assembly</li> <li>• WAT Conference Performance rehearsals 1.30-3.10pm (Drama Room)</li> <li>• Year 12 Presentation Evening 22<sup>nd</sup> November 5.00 pm – 7.30 pm</li> </ul>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neon House Assembly</li> </ul>
Assembly Topic	Knife Crime

## Week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> November (subject to update)

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	
Advance Notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WAT Conference Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December – school closed to students</li> </ul>

- **GREASE** – reminder that rehearsals for the main cast will be taking place Tuesday - Friday lunchtimes.
- **ABSENCE** - If your child is going to be absent from school, can you please contact the school before 9:30 am, where possible. There is a designated absence line for attendance, please call 01384 296596 and press option one, record message and press # to finish, then follow the prompts to save the message.
- **BIKES** – we are concerned that some of our students are travelling on bikes in ways which we consider are unsafe. Most are not wearing helmets, many cycle on the pavements, many do not have lights as the nights close in and some have bikes which are not roadworthy. We will be looking at how we can encourage safer approaches in the coming weeks and hope that you will work with us on ensuring our young people stay safe.