



Parental Bulletin

21st – 25th January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will no doubt be aware, we had an Ofsted inspection on Thursday. They couldn't have picked a more awkward time – the day after our Year 11 Parents' evening – but I am pleased to say that our staff rallied together and worked late into the evening to prepare for the inspectors to show them how much the school has progressed since they last visited in 2015. Let me apologise to any Year 11 parents for cancelling some of your appointments with my Senior Team as they needed to rapidly generate urgent information for the inspection team that evening: they will arrange alternative times to speak with you all as soon as possible.

I have no doubt you will be very keen to hear how we got on and, whilst I am not allowed to share their findings until they publish them formally, I am able to say that I am very pleased with their comments on the day. For Good schools now, inspections are 'check ups' which normally last just 1 day (unless they have very serious concerns) and so the grade for a school cannot change. We will, however, receive some clear feedback and they will give us a timescale for when they will return again depending on how pleased they are with the state of the school.

I can say that, however stressful it was for staff, we expect their written feedback to be very positive and so all of the extra effort was worthwhile. One part of their experience that I feel I must share is how positive they were about our students who conducted themselves amazingly throughout the school day and were a real credit to you all. I would also like to thank our parent community for offering their thoughts through Parent View – you all have a part to play on Ofsted's opinion of the school.

I feel very proud to be a part of your community.

Yours faithfully

Tom Macdonald
Headteacher



Calendar for the week

Monday 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whole School Assembly in the Sports Hall
Tuesday 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Krypton Assembly
Wednesday 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helium Assembly• Parent Meeting - Paris Trip (School Hall) 5:30 - 6:30pm.• PTFA Meeting 5:30pm – 6:30pm - Refectory
Thursday 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Argon Assembly
Friday 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSET Day - School Closed to Students
Assembly Topic	Holocaust Memorial

Week commencing 28th January 2019 (subject to update)

Monday 28 th January	
Tuesday 29 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrichment Day 3
Wednesday 30 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 7 Parents' Evening 30th January 4:30 - 7:30pm - Sports Hall
Thursday 31 st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 11 BTEC Business Studies Exam in IT3 – 31st January
Friday 1 st February	
Advance Notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GCSE Dance residential to Paris (Y10) 6th - 8th February



- **LUNCHTIME CLUB** – Cross Stitch Club continues every Monday lunchtime from 12.45 in DT5 with Mrs Hendy. Come along and stitch a birthday, Mother's Day or Easter card. This Christmas card was completed by a Year 7 student last half term. Open to all.



- **GREASE** – reminder that rehearsals for the main cast will be taking place Tuesday - Friday lunchtimes.