

Parental Bulletin

4th – 8th February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Apologies for the late arrival of this Bulletin, I am afraid I was called away for a minor emergency on Friday afternoon so was unable to send this before I left at the usual time.

Last week was a busy week for the school with our Enrichment day (including a Science trip to Bristol and a Drama/English trip to Stratford). Our Enrichment days are an essential part of our delivery of all aspects of wider education and thank you to all of our students who attended on that day. Might I remind those who did not that whilst some of the activities on the day are not aimed at GCSE or subject progress, they address critical parts of wider life, health, safety and community and as such form a crucial element of all young people's education.

We also had our Year 7 parents' evening run through our new appointment booking system. We have run two parents' evenings using this system so far and this has proved invaluable for ensuring that parents' are able to see the teachers they want to along with their form tutor.

This week is a somewhat quieter week, although we do have a Dance trip to Paris and a Duke of Edinburgh meeting for parents (that's what constitutes a quiet week these days!).

Our assembly topic this week is 'Online Safety' and this might prompt a discussion at home about how our young people (and indeed some of us older internet users!) can keep themselves safe and interpret what is happening on their social media feeds. Time and again students and schools (ours included) have challenges with social media that, if not careful, can bring out the worst in people. Unfortunately social media can tend towards attracting negative comments and memes with little regulation or right to reply so I encourage you to join us in supporting Kingswinford students to enjoy social media safely and considerately.

Yours faithfully

Tom Macdonald
Headteacher

Calendar for the week

Monday 4 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 & 8 Assembly – Sports Hall
Tuesday 5 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Krypton Assembly
Wednesday 6 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helium Assembly GCSE Dance residential to Paris (Y10) 6th - 8th
Thursday 7 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Argon Assembly Intermediate Maths Challenge - Sports Hall (P3 and P4) for top sets Year 9 and 10. DofE Evening 5:30pm-6:30pm
Friday 8 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neon Assembly Mission X-Train Like an Astronaut (SC5) – 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Assembly Topic	Online safety

Week commencing 11th February 2019 (subject to update)

Monday 11 th February	
Tuesday 12 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childrens Book Awards
Wednesday 13 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Maths Quiz - B'Ham Uni (12 students with R Deakin) Ski Trip Meeting - School Hall 5:30 – 6:00pm
Thursday 14 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTFA Years 7 & 8 Disco 5pm – 7pm (School Hall)
Friday 15 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission X-Train Like an Astronaut 2:00 - 3:00pm Half Term Ends - Non Uniform
Advance Notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ski Trip (Birmingham - Barcelona T2) - 09:45 17th February Ski Trip (Barcelona -Birmingham T2) - 12:45 23rd February Year 11 Data Drop Open– 25th February Mission X-Train Like an Astronaut 2:00 – 3:00pm SC5 1st March

Music Exam re rooming – Commencing Monday 04th February 2019

Date	Reg	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Tuesday 5th February			EA2 → IT2	EA2 → IT2	EA2 → IT1	EA2 → EN7	EA2 → EN7
Wednesday 6 th February				EA2 → SC7	EA2 → IT1	EA2 → MA3	EA2 → MA4

- **HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT QUIZ** - Be 'wizandrificated' for one night only! Think you're a Harry Potter expert? Then why not take part in our Harry Potter Book Night Quiz, after school, on 7th February 2019 in EN6 from 3.15 - 4.40pm.

Teams should be made up of 2 - 4 students and the quiz is open to all years. If you are interested in entering a team, please see Mrs Hendy in the library for an entry form. Teams will need a suitable 'wizarding' name and entries need to be in by 1st February. Each member of the winning team will receive a prize.

- **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.