

Parental Bulletin

11th – 15th February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week I would like to thank and applaud all of the very many students across the school who have been involved in the various interviews for new staff, or current staff in new roles, through this week. There have been a number of key interviews with some exceptionally strong staff who will be joining us during this year or into next year and student involvement has been vital in ensuring that we are bringing only the best new staff to the school. So for all of the students involved in the student panel interviews, observation lessons, tour guides or just those students who have been polite and supportive to those visiting staff: thank you.

We have also seen the Dance trip to Disneyland Paris depart this week – you can track a little of their progress on twitter should you wish to see how they are doing – but certainly they look like they're having a fine time!

Next week the half term draws to a close and year 11 students will have a number of Mock exams through the week. There are a couple of important events for students in the week – a ski trip meeting for those involved, the Children's book awards and the Big Maths Quiz. We will also be celebrating Valentine's Day with year 7 & 8 at our PTFA Disco on Thursday and finishing the half term with a non-uniform day on Friday. This time the theme is Chinese New Year: students who want to join in with theme should dress all (or almost all) in red to bring luck for a donation of £1 for the school fund. Students wishing to just wear their own clothes should donate £2.

So please enjoy your weekend – one more week left before a well-earned break for our hard working students (and staff!).

Yours faithfully

Tom Macdonald
Headteacher

Calendar for the week

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| Monday 11 th February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y11 Science exam P3&4 • Y11 data window opens |
| Tuesday 12 th February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Book Awards – Dormston School (leaving at 12:00pm) • Y11 Science exam P3&4 |
| Wednesday 13 th February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Maths Quiz - B'Ham Uni (12 students with Miss 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) • Y11 Science exam P3&4 • Y11 History exam P5&6 (option block C) |
| 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 • Y11 History exam P1&2 (Option blocks A, B and D) • Non-uniform day – red theme for Chinese New Year |
| Assembly Topic | No assemblies this week |

Week commencing 25th February 2019 (subject to update)

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| Monday 25 th February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended form time – 5 mins off each lesson for a 50 min form time |
| Tuesday 26 th February | |
| Wednesday 27 th February | |
| Thursday 28 th February | |
| Friday 1 st March | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission X-Train Like an Astronaut 2:00 – 3:00pm SC5 • Y11 data window closes |
| Advance Notice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AE Parents Meeting 7th March • Year 9 – DTP and MENACWY Vaccinations 5th March • Drama exam 4:00 – 5:00pm 5th March • Y11 Geography FW to Carding Mill 5th & 6th March • Primary Schools Book Quiz 9:00am – 12:00pm 6th March • Year 9 Parents' Evening 4:30 – 7:30pm (Sports Hall) 6th March • World Book Day 7th March |

- **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.