



Friday 6 March 2020

Message from the Acting Head

I would be grateful if you could spend some time checking the other ParentMail attachment today and my associated letter about the Section 48 Denominational Inspection. We received a very good report and were complimented on our 'tremendous sense of care and community'. Another key comment was 'developing and nurturing children, both academically and spiritually, is clearly an important aspect in the school'. Although also complimented as 'a wonderful example of Catholic education', we are always mindful of our mission for inclusivity, and to recognise the needs of students of all faiths or none. There has been very little in the way of the Covid-19 virus updates for educational settings since my letter last week (last Government update for schools was 28/02/2020). The government have very much focused on the need to maintain a clear position about travel to and from named areas in the world, and some provision for disruption to essential services such as police, fire and medical authorities. The full guidance for educational settings can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

In school, we are actively promoting the need to follow good practice for basic hygiene through communication with pupils and staff, including new posters and notices in key areas. There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including: Washing your hands often - with soap and water or use a sanitiser if hand washing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport. Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin, and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. I would be grateful for your support in reinforcing these principles with your son/daughter at home. Have a good weekend.

Paul Kershaw

Battle of the Bands

On Wednesday evening, our Senior Rock Band took part in the Tunbridge Wells Battle of the Bands competition at Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School. Tim, Kristian, Luca, James, Nathan and Evie performed brilliantly on stage and really rose to the occasion. They performed 'Layla' by Eric Clapton and really held their own in the competition, against bands from all over Kent. The event has given them an appetite for more and a thirst to win. We are so proud of the band for stepping up to do this; it takes courage to stand in front of a room of strangers in a competitive environment, really well done.



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News

World Book Day

The Senior School celebrated World Book Day on Monday. There was much buzz and excitement as students from all year groups and staff dressed to impress. Later in the day the author of La'Lun, John Harris spoke and entertained Year 7 -10 with stories designed to thrill and chill and help with their GCSE coursework. We would like to thank everyone for taking part. The small charge of £2 per pupil for the speaker will be added to the summer bill.



This year's Prep School World Book Day was a great success. The day started with Mrs Chalk giving an assembly on how you can travel to any time or place simply by reading a book, then Reception to Year 2 took part in their quiz, with the help of some year 6 Oompa Loompas! KS2 enjoyed creating some blackout poetry then took part in their own book quiz. A huge thank you must go out to all the parent who put so much effort in this years costumes, they were all fab!



PTA

Save the Dates

Easter Egg Hunt - Monday 30 March
 Beechwood Day - Sunday 28 June
 Fireworks - Friday 6 November
 Christmas Fair - Saturday 28 November

High School Musical

Tickets are still on sale for High School Musical and can be purchased through <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/beechnwood-sacred-heart-school/e-drgorq>. There will be a cash bar run by the Parents' Association before each performance and during the interval.

WEEK 9

SUN 8	
MON 9	8.30 Year 13 English Conference in London All Day High School Musical Rehearsal 9.00 Year 6 Bikeability Course 4.00 U15 Netball v Radnor House (A)
TUES 10	9.00 Year 6 Bikeability Course All Day High School Musical Rehearsal
WED 11	All Day Year 11 GCSE Film Studies Trip 9.00 Year 6 Bikeability Course 2.00 High School Musical Dress Rehearsal 2.30 U10/U11 Netball v SH Wadhurst A 2.30 U10/U11 Rugby v SH Wadhurst H 2.30 U13 Rugby v Sackville (tbc) 2.30 U12/U13 Netball v Skippers Hill H
THUR 12	2.30 U8/U9 Rugby v SH Wadhurst (A) 2.30 U8/U9 Netball v SH Wadhurst (H) 7.30 High School Musical
FRI 13	7.30 High School Musical
SAT 14	7.30 High School Musical

Sport News

Netball

On Wednesday girls in Years 5-8 were treated to some netball coaching from Eleanor Durr. Eleanor has a first class degree in Sport Science from Loughborough and has played netball for Hertfordshire Mavericks, Loughborough University and England U19. On Thursday it was the turn of Year 3 and 4. The girls all learnt a lot from the session, and underlined the importance of our MUGA for larger training sessions.



'Crongton Knights'

On Wednesday evening the Year 12 Drama students travelled to Brighton to see a production called 'Crongton Knights' by Pilot Theatre at the Theatre Royal. The play is a semi naturalistic musical performance depicting a group of young people on an urban estate and their quest to travel onto an unfamiliar patch run by the 'Hunchbackers'. The themes of the play are friendship, post code gang rivalry and feuds and young people dealing with problems at home. The performance used sound-scaping and beat boxing to create an energetic and vibrant atmosphere that worked well with the versatile and fluid urban graffitied set. The students enjoyed the engaging acting and physicality of the performers as well as the emotive and entertaining story.

Senior School Inter-House Up Cycling

On Tuesday we held our Inter House event. This term we tried something new and got all the Senior students together in the Auditorium to make clothes for a fashion show. There was a twist to this though as they had to up-cycle their old clothes. The students did amazingly well and with some but not very much help from the teachers, created some cat walk style outfits. Imaginations were running wild as dungaree pockets were turned into hand bags, trousers were cut into shorts and shirts were chopped into several items to make a colour co-ordinated outfit with accessories. Sewing ability was not required as string ribbon and safety pins were used instead. It was a great afternoon and now we look forward to the Fashion Show on Monday 16 March in our School Assembly.



Designer in the Making!

Phoebe in Reception created an amazing bag from paper during child initiated learning.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

17 March 2020

Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening

18-20 March 2020

Year 10 & 12 Geography Field Trip to Dorset

31 March 2020

Celebration of Song