



Principal's Bulletin

Friday 21 June 2024



As the days are warming up and the weeks are quickly passing it's hard to believe our year 11's have finished their final GCSE exams this week. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, perseverance, and wish them nothing but luck as they await results day on Thursday 22 August. A huge thank you to all the teachers and staff who have supported them every step of the way, and to the families and friends who have provided encouragement and motivation.

Last Thursday, the Performing Arts Department took over 50 prospective GCSE Drama, Music, and Dance students to London to see the award winning 'Back to the Future: The Musical' at The Adelphi Theatre. Mrs Atherton shared, "We all enjoyed the hugely impressive spectacle of the flying car and the exuberant energy of the cast! The students were a shining representation of the school and were complimented by a member of the theatre staff for their exemplary behaviour." A big thank you to the Performing Arts Department for organising such a memorable outing and to our students for their excellent representation of our school.

Our Year 12 students headed to Bedford University on Monday to attend the UCAS Discovery event. Representatives from universities across the country were there to speak to students and provide advice about future destinations. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and attend various talks about university or apprenticeships to help them start to plan for their future after sixth form. A fantastic event to continue their enquiring skills as they prepare to navigate the next stages of their educational journeys.

As part of Year 1's science learning and term 6's theme 'Animal Kingdom', the students have been exploring a variety of animals. To bring this to life, our Year 1 classes visited Hamerton Zoo on Thursday. The visit aimed to broaden their understanding of different animal species, as well as their needs. The students had a wonderful time observing and learning about the diverse animals at the zoo. They were particularly excited to see some of their favourite animals up close and to discover new and interesting facts about them. The students behaved exceptionally well throughout the trip, showing great curiosity and respect for the animals.

Key dates

School Diversity Week
Monday 24 – 28 June

The UK-wide celebration of LGBT+ equality in primary and secondary school.

Year 6 Residential – Isle of Wight
Monday 24 – Friday 28 June

Our year 6's will be heading off to the Isle of Wight next week. Learning about WII at the Isle of Wight Steam Railway, taking part in activities such as archery, axe throwing, a visit to the Aqua Park, and much more!

Year 12 Geography Field Trip
Monday 24 – Thursday 27 June

A level geography students will be going on their residential fieldwork trip to Dorset. The trip will give students the opportunity to develop their skills essential to the completion of their independent NEA (fieldwork coursework). The location also gives them the opportunity to revise and revisit classroom-taught exam content on coastal processes.

Year 11 Prom
Thursday 27 June

Year 13 Prom
Friday 28 June

Twenty-eight Year 7 and 6 pupils spent all day taking part in a team Maths challenge yesterday. There were two students from Year 7 and two from Year 6 on each team, they spent the day doing lots of problem solving and challenging Maths, the students worked really well together, and in the end, the top two teams were only separated by 1 point. All the students looked to have a good time and some new friendships were made. A special shout out needs to go to the Year 11 volunteers who came in to help out, without them we would not have been able to hold the event.

Warm regards,

David James
Principal

Year 12 Trip to Rome

Saturday 29 June –

Wednesday 3 July

On Saturday, 29 June, approximately 60 of our Year 12 students will embark on an exciting journey to Rome. During this trip, they will delve into the city's rich history and explore a multitude of iconic landmarks. Highlights include the awe-inspiring Roman Colosseum, the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, the majestic Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, and the bustling Piazza di Spagna (Spanish Steps). This promises to be an unforgettable experience filled with discovery and learning!