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10th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has marked the start of our formal GCSE and A Level examinations. I would like to say thank you and congratulate our students in Year 11 and Year 13 (and Year 10 as well) in their effort and determination over this year and wish them all the very best during this important period. We thoroughly enjoyed our Year 11 celebration morning on Wednesday, you are never too old for bouncy castles and a hog roast! The year 11s were a credit to the school during the morning with a fantastic array of fancy dress, smiles and sunshine. Thank you also to our wonderful Year 13 cohort who we celebrated with this morning in the celebration breakfast - we wish them all the very best over the next few months as they navigate their exam season and please don't hesitate to contact the school if your child needs any additional support.

Portishead Youth Club May Half Term Activities

Bookings are now open for the Youth Club's half term activities. For children aged 8-12 there are three days of activities, including a trip to Crealy Adventure Park and a music session with 'Now Hear This'. Those in Year 6 and above can join a trip to Air Hop for an hour's bounce followed by pizza. Find more information [here](#).

Careers - Cooking with the Navy

We are very grateful to the Navy who came in to cook with our Year 10 Food Tech students last week in a 'Ready Steady Cook' event. It was lovely to hear from a parent afterwards that on the back of this event, one student is now researching chef apprenticeships in the Navy.

Mental Health Awareness Week

The school will be promoting the focus of this week which is 'get moving for your mental health'. Students and staff are encouraged to wear an item of green on Thursday to promote mental health and there will be a variety of assemblies and visitors during the week including OTR and Wellspring. In addition...

Homework Wellbeing Fortnight for Years 7-10

As part of our revised Homework Policy, we run a 'Wellbeing Fortnight' once a year, where students are given a range of optional tasks designed to support their wellbeing. To coincide with Mental Health Week, we will run our Wellbeing Fortnight for the final two weeks of this term, beginning on Monday 13th May.

Where students have a test or mocks coming up, they will still be set compulsory tasks to support this, but you will notice their homework load is reduced across subjects; we know that them being underprepared for a test or mock would not be in support of their wellbeing.

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Off The Record (OTR) Shameless Workshop

OTR are offering a six-week online workshop starting on 16th May, giving young people aged 11-17 the opportunity to learn about and discuss body image, self-esteem and body positivity. You can find more information [here](#).

External Exam Feedback

Our Year 10 and 11 students have started their external exams this week and the feedback from the Exams Team and invigilators has been excellent! Students have been preparing really well, arriving on time and their behaviour in the exams has been exemplary. I hope students continue to approach these assessments in the same manner over the coming weeks, which will give themselves and the year group the best conditions to achieve well. Thank you!

Parent communication

Just a polite reminder to our parents to please ensure their communication with school, whether written or verbal, is of an appropriate tone and nature.

Wishing you a lovely, sunny weekend

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 5

Monday 13th - Friday 17th May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Tuesday 14th May	6pm - 7pm Parent Forum
Tuesday 14th - Wednesday 15th May	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition - Group 1
Thursday 16th May	4pm - 7.30pm Year 10 Progress Evening
Thursday 16th - Friday 17th May	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition - Group 2
Monday 20th May	7pm - 9pm Drama Performance: Wonderland
Wednesday 22nd May	LSP UWE Leadership Conference (Year 12)
Thursday 23rd May	6pm - 7pm Year 7 Celebration Evening
Friday 24th - Sunday 26th May	Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	HOLIDAY