

The Seagull



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Next Week is Week 2

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Girls Under 13s

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Girls U 13's Football

Congratulations to the girls U 13's football team for winning their first match of the year. What a great start to the season for our very own lionesses!

Black History Month

This week we launched Black History Month in assembly. I would like to thank Nifemi, Tia and Hella for their confident delivery and passionate presentations celebrating this event.

During the month of October, we will be celebrating the achievements of black musicians, athletes, politicians and inventors/influential people to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of black

history. I look forward to sharing the students' work in The Seagull at the end of the month.

Dates for your diary:

Year 10 Transition Evening: Wednesday 11th October 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Year 11 Core Subject Mock Exams: Tuesday 17th October - Thursday 19th October

ACHIEVE days: Wednesday 18th October & Thursday 19th October

Staff INSET day: Friday 20th October. School closed to all students

Half term Holiday: Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Ms Keane
Headteacher

ACHIEVE Days Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October

All parents/carers will have received information by MCAS or email regarding our upcoming ACHIEVE days.

For all students in Year 7 - 10 you can find this on MCAS under Trips & Consent - available trips. Please log in to make payment and give consent by Wednesday 11th October.

Mrs Garland
Assistant Office Manager

Forgotten items

Can parents/carers please be reminded that we are not able to accept forgotten items at the school reception unless specifically requested by a member of staff.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs Stone
Office Manager

Yoga Class with Miss England

Wednesday 7.45am-8.15am in DA1

All students welcome. Yoga helps to support your well-being and decrease stress; start your day the right way.

Breakfast snacks available afterwards.



Miss England
Head of Dance

Student Voice Voting Days!

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, students from across all year groups came to our makeshift polling station in Boothroyd Hall to cast their votes for Student Voice candidates.

With help from the Business BTEC students, students entered the hall and filled in a ballot paper, casting their vote for the students they deemed suitable for the roles.



Votes are yet to be counted and our newly appointed Student Voice teams will be announced in the coming weeks. Keep your eyes peeled!



Miss Hallas
Student Aspirations Coordinator

Under 13s Girls Football

On Thursday 28th September, the Under 13s girls (pictured on the front page) took on Oaks Park in their first football game of the year. This was a great performance from all girls that took part.

There were debut performances from the following Year 7s Hollie, Jaydee, Veronica, Nevah, and Atene. All the girls worked incredibly hard and won 5-0. Manager player of the match went to Kadie Year 8 for a fantastic defensive performance. Player of the match went to Charlotte Year 8 for scoring four out of the five goals. The girls will move through to the next round which will be played in November.

Well done girls.

Miss Pridie
Second in PE

Year 10 Football Fixture

The Year 10 football team had a tough opening game of the season in the Essex Cup vs Coopers' Coborn on Thursday afternoon. A valid effort was committed throughout with some good passages of play and a consolation goal from Ehizojie on the stroke of full time.

These were positives we will take for the remainder of the campaign. Unfortunately, the scoreline of 7-1 represented a bridge too far up against an opponent who competes in sports on a national level. Man of the match was Logan.

Mr Cully
Assistant Headteacher

Weekly Outline of Out of School Hours Learning Activities 2023-2024				
Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue
Monday				
Breakfast	All	HIL3	7.45am-8.15am	FC4
Netball	8 & 9	BEV1	12.30pm-1.00pm	Sports Hall
Table Tennis	10 & 11	SEN1	1.30pm-2.00pm	Sports Hall
Shrek Acting	All	BRY, HAL4, WIL3, MAR3	13.30pm-14.00pm	DR1
Netball Year	7	BEV1	1.30pm-2.00pm	Sports Hall
Textiles Club	7,8,9 & 10	MIR2	4.05pm-5.05pm	DT6
Indoor Athletics	7,8 & 9	BEV1	4.00pm-4.30pm	Sports Hall
Tuesday				
Girls only Fitness	7,8,9,10 & 11	PRI1	7.45am-8.00am	Fitness Suite
Breakfast	All	HIL3	7.45am-8.15am	FC4
Rugby	7 & 8	KER	7.45am-8.15am	Field/Sports Hall
Football	9 & 10	BAS1	7.45am-8.30am	Astro
Orchestra	All	KJ	8.20am-8.55am	MU1
Vocal Group	All	MH	8.20am-8.55am	PR11
Yr10 Band	10	JM	8.20am-8.55am	MU2
Yr11 Band	11	JM	8.20am-8.55am	MU2
Wind band	All	LE	8.20am-8.55am	PR13
Handball	7,8 & 10	BEV1	12.30pm-1.00pm	Sports Hall
Christian Lunch	All	TIZ	1.30pm-1.55pm	SC14
Sports Leaders	10	SEN1	1.30pm-2.00pm	Sports Hall/ PE1
Jazz Band	All	JM	13.30pm-13.55pm	MU2
Shrek Acting	All	BRY, HAL4, WIL3, MAR3,	13.30pm-14.00pm	DR1
Netball KS3	7,8 & 9	BEV1 & PRI1	3.00pm-4.00pm	Ball Courts
Football	7	HWD	3.00pm-4.00pm	Astro
Football	9	SEN1	3.00pm-4.00pm	Astro
DofE	10	LEA2	3.05pm-4.15pm	SD3
KS3 Dance Company	7,8 & 9	ENG & guest teachers	3.15pm-4.15pm	DA1
DT	KS3	MCK2	3.05pm-4.05pm WK1 only	DT3
Food Club	KS3	DAM2	3.05pm-4.05pm WK1 only	FC1
Spanish Club	KS3	FER3/DAM2	3.05pm - 4.00pm	MFL3/FC1
Wellbeing Club	All	DRA & RIC	3.15pm-4.00pm	Meet at the library
Wednesday				
Yoga	All	ENG	7.45am-8.00am	DA1
Basketball KS3	7,8 & 9	BEV1	7.45am-8.15am	Sports Hall
Football	9 & 10	CUL2	7.45am-8.30am	Astro
Football	9 & 10	BAS1	7.45am-8.30am	Astro
Breakfast	All	HIL3	7.45am-8.15am	FC4
Indoor Cricket	10 & 11	HWD	1.30pm-2.00pm	Sports Hall
Shrek Acting	All	BRY, HAL4, WIL3, MAR3, BRC	13.30pm-14.00pm	DR1
Prideand allies	All	BRO3	1.30pm-14.00pm	
Debate Club	7,8 & 9	SAI3	1.30pm-2.00pm	PDE2
Thursday				
Fitness	7,8,9,10 & 11	SEN1	7.45am-8.15am	Fitness Suite
Breakfast	All	HIL3	7.45am-8.15am	FC4
Rugby	7 & 8	KER	7.45am-8.15am	Field/Sports Hall
Football	9 & 10	BAS1	7.45am-8.30am	Astro
Orchestra	All	KEN	8.15am - 8.50am	MU1
Vocal Group	All	HAR	8.15am - 8.50am	PR11
Wind Band	All	ELL	8.15am - 8.50am	PR12
Yr 11 Band	11	MAT3	8.15am - 8.50am	MU2
Yr10 Band	10	MAT3	8.15 am- 8.50am	MU2
Maths Puzzle Club	7,8 & 9		12.30pm-1.00pm	Maths Atrium
Futsal	8 & 9	SEN1	12.30pm-1.00pm	Sports Hall
Jazz Band	All	MAT3	13.30pm-13.55pm	MU2
Shrek Acting	All	BRY, HAL4, WIL3, MAR3, BRC	13.30pm-14.00pm	DR1
Shrek Acting	All	BRY, HAL4, WIL3, MAR3, BRC	15.10pm-16.10pm	DR1
Animation	8	FRA, HAS, LEV	3.10pm-4.10pm	AR2
Girls football	7,8 & 9	PRI1	3.00pm-4.00pm	Astro
Football	10	CUL2	3.00pm-4.00pm	Astro
Football	8	SEN1	3.00pm-4.00pm	Astro
Netball	10 & 11	BOU1	3.00pm-4.00pm	Sports Hall
Science	KS3	TAS2/HOQ1/IBQ1/AGY/TIZ	3.05pm-3.45pm	SC7
Textiles Club	KS3	MIR	Week 1 only 3.00pm-4.00pm	DT6
Electronics	KS3	MIR	Week 1 only 3.00pm-4.00pm	DT3
Cooking	KS3	MIR	Week 1 only 3.00pm-4.00pm	FC1
Mock Trial competition	KS3	MCM2/ MAM1	3.00pm-4.00pm	PDE1
Friday				
Football	9 & 10	BAS1	7.45am-8.30am	Astro
Breakfast	All	HIL3	7.45am-8.15am	FC4
Basketball	10 & 11	HWD	7.45am-8.15am	Sports Hall
Dance Choreography	8 & 9	HAZ&ENG	12.30pm-1.00pm	DA1
Table Tennis	8 & 9	PRI1	12.30pm-1.00pm	Sports Hall
Dance Performance	7	HAZ&ENG	1.30pm-2.00pm	DA1
Shrek Acting	All	BRY, HAL4, WIL3, MAR3, BRC	1.30pm-2.00pm	DR1
UKMT Challenge	KS3	MOR12	3.00pm-4.00pm	Maths Atrium

Tuesday 10th October World Mental Health Day

We are celebrating with **Hello Yellow!**

Please wear a **yellow accessory** to school to show your support (This might be a badge, headband, scarf, socks etc.)

You must be wearing your normal uniform for clothing –
accessories only!

JO RICHARDSON SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 1st November 3:45pm - 6:00pm
External students should attend 5:00pm - 6:00pm



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DRINKS	PRICE	BREAKFAST	PRICE
Water 330ml	80p	Breakfast Roll	£2.05
Fruit Slush – Med/Lrg	90p/£1.45	Small Breakfast Baguette	£1.40
Capri Sun	£1.30	3 Piece Breakfast Pot	£2.00
Dalston Cans	£1.40	Toast with Butter or Jam	35p
Radnor 200ml Carton	£1.10	Pancake with Topping	£1.25
Milk / Flavoured Carton	£1.00	Waffle with Topping	£1.55
HOMEBAKES		Pastries & Croissants	£1.55
Muffins	£1.30	Cereals + Milk	90p
Mini Cakes	From 40p	Porridge for Staff	Free/ £1.05
Cookies	£1.15	Porridge for Students	Free
Chocolate / Cheese Straw	£1.15	Porridge Toppings	40p Each
HOT GRAB & GO		COLD GRAB & GO	
Ciabatta	£3.20	Roll	£1.00
Panini	£2.60	Sub	£2.05
Toastie	£2.15	Wrap	£2.60
Loaded Nachos	£2.25	Street Vibes & Naturally	From £2.85
Garlic Dough Balls	£1.40	Baguette	£2.65
Burrito	£2.65	Cold Pasta Pot – Med/Lrg	£1.00/£2.50
Chicken Wings	£2.15	Sml Self-Serve Salad Bar	£1.80
Shawarma	£2.65	Houmous Pot	£1.20
Pizza Slice	£1.50	Edamame Beans	£1.60
Street Vibes	£2.60	Sushi	£3.00
Naturally (V / Ve)	From £2.65	Yoghurt/Jelly/Fruit Pots	£1.00
Hot Pasta Pot – Med/lrg	£2.15/£2.50	Whole Fruit	55p
Jacket Potato – 1 Topping	£2.05		

VAT on hot food and beverages will be charged at the current rate for all staff members

Helping children and young people with MANAGING DEVICE STRESS AND ANXIETY

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The internet and advances in the capability of digital devices have afforded us arguably the fastest period of technological and social evolution in living memory: creating opportunities for us to interact with people anywhere in the world, 24 hours a day. It's also, however, blurred safety boundaries and added new stresses for young people, who are often less aware of the hidden hazards. With almost half of 10-15-year-olds experiencing bullying online and algorithms pushing content in front of our children every day, it's important to know how to address some of these challenges.

LIVING ONLINE

The internet is awash with sophisticated algorithms that learn from our online behaviour and try to predict our wants and needs. That's very helpful in some respects, but it can make the online world difficult for children and young people to negotiate. Content can be brought to them at any time – it may not always be appropriate, and children may not have the ability or the support to deal with it.

PUSHY NOTIFICATIONS

Content is also directed at us through notifications from our apps: letting us know we have a new message or social post to read, for example. While that's useful in some circumstances, it conditions us to keep going back online (and is designed to do so) and can be a near-constant demand on your child's attention. As such alerts become more common, are we experiencing an 'attack of the pings'?

BLURRED BOUNDARIES

There are now so many ways we can communicate online in real time (like instant messaging apps) or with a delay (such as on social media) that it's possible to be constantly in conversation. Young people often prefer quickfire exchanges of text – but using fewer words can cause distressing miscommunications through the lack of non-verbal cues like facial expressions or tone of voice.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY

As devices allow access to immediate external help in challenging situations, it's a concern that children may not be developing the inner confidence to work things out for themselves. Likewise, group membership is hugely important to young people – both in digital and 'real' life – and being excluded from online conversations can cause damaging feelings of loneliness and isolation.

DISGUISED DISTRESS

Children often haven't yet developed the emotional resources to deal with many of the setbacks of everyday life, so identifying when it's specifically something online that's worried them can be tricky. A certain level of stress is a normal response to a problem: it spurs us into action to keep ourselves safe. If the stress is excessive, though, it can feel overwhelming and potentially lead to anxiety or depression.

ANTI-SOCIAL SOCIALS

Social media can bring people together in hugely positive ways. Sadly, it does also have a darker side, including 'flame war' arguments which can escalate quickly and have harmful consequences. With so many people looking on, 'group shaming' situations are also common – while there are continual opportunities for young people to compare themselves negatively with other social media users.

Advice for Parents & Carers

LEARN THE BASICS

It's impossible to keep up with every online change or every new app. The best option is to make yourself aware of the fundamentals of how the internet operates, so you can help your child to grasp how – and why – content reaches them. Devices and the digital world can be confusing, so learning to understand them better will give you the confidence to talk to your child about them.

TALK IT OUT

If a child mentions a comment that's been directed at them in a text chat or on social media, it may sound minor but can actually have a much bigger effect than we realise. In our evolved brains, any perceived threat can get internalised while our body reacts as if we were in physical danger – raising stress levels. It's always worth encouraging your child to get any concerns out in the open.

PUSH DISTRACTIONS AWAY

Notifications to our phones and tablets can be helpful, but they sometimes make one wonder who's really in charge: the person or the device? Checking our phone as soon as it goes off is an easy habit to fall into – especially for young people. Try switching off non-essential alerts on your devices and encourage your child to do the same: you should both feel less triggered and more in control.

LOOK FOR THE SIGNS

This is tricky – and may depend on the child's age – but any sudden change in behaviour is worth looking out for. If your child seems to be checking their phone or tablet more, doesn't want to be parted from them, or appears unusually secretive, anxious or withdrawn, it could be a sign that something is amiss in relation to their device – and, possibly, that they're in need of extra support.

KEEP CHECKING IN

Healthy emotional regulation balances three systems: threat, drive and grounding. Down the various rabbit holes of the internet, however, that balance can easily slip away – so it's important to help your child manage their emotions when they're online. Check in with them regularly when they're on their device, and remember that 'distraction' and 'relaxation' aren't always the same thing.

BE KIND: UNWIND

Be kind to yourselves as parents and carers. Remember that we're all in the same boat, trying to safely guide our children through this complex, fast-moving digital environment. Getting into the habit of having natural, relaxed conversations with your child about their online life (and yours) can level the playing field and make it far easier for them to open up to you about any concerns.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Carla Francis-Smith is an experienced counselling psychologist who specialises in providing safe and ethical online communications. She works with and offers bespoke training to businesses and organisations, supporting positive and effective online communications – often by considering some of the more hidden aspects of the various mediums.



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