

The Seagull



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Next Week is Week 1

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This week we held our student elections for our Student Voice teams and School Council reps. We had a great turnout and I look forward to seeing the results. Well done to everyone who participated and a big thank you to the Year 12 BTEC students for helping to run the event.

As the weather turns colder, please ensure your child has a school jumper and a coat. Students are not allowed to wear hoodies and tracksuit tops in the building.

Year 11

Year 11 will sit their first mock exams next week. History will be on Wednesday afternoon and English is on Thursday. They then have exams on Wednesday and Thursday the following week in the core subjects. Please ensure your child is revising for these exams as we will use the data to plan our curriculum to "plug the gaps".

Upcoming dates

Wednesday 23rd October ACHIEVE Day 1
Thursday 24th October ACHIEVE Day 2
Friday 25th October Staff training day
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
October Half term.

Following the introduction of MCAS, we have seen improved communication with parents/carers so we have taken the decision to produce The Seagull once each half-term rather than weekly. Next Friday will therefore be our last weekly Seagull with the first half-termly Seagull being issued before the Christmas break.

Ms Keane
Headteacher

Autumn ACHIEVE Days – Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th October

Thank you to those of you who have already made payment. For those who have not done so, the deadline is today, Friday 11th October

Mrs Garland
Assistant Office Manager

Sixth Form Open Evening

I am writing to inform you that on Wednesday 6th November we are holding our Sixth Form Open Evening from 3:45pm – 5:30pm. This event will be held in Boothroyd Hall which can be accessed from the foyer in Castle Green.

Sixth Form Open Evening is an important event which will give all Year 11 students the opportunity to consider their route to achieving the next stage of the journey to their own personal success.

Our dedicated Sixth Form provides students with study and social facilities. We provide an extensive and comprehensive range of courses to meet the needs of our students. We have high standards and expectations in all areas of our work and are committed to the highest level of aspiration and achievement for all of our students.

Students and staff will be on hand to answer any questions you might have.

I look forward to meeting you.

Mrs Evans
Assistant Headteacher & Director of Sixth Form

Wellbeing Club



Last week we launched the weekly wellbeing club again. This runs on Thursdays from 3:05pm-3:45pm in the mentoring hub office. The club is open to all ages and encourages attendees to engage in a range of activities that are all about self-care.

The activities can range from puzzling to colouring, discussions to writing, walking to gardening – there is no limit to what we might try to better learn to take care of ourselves.



Our first week was very well attended and, as you can see from the photos, there were a range of activities going on. We look forward to welcoming more students along to the club and getting creative!



Ms Draisey
Senior Mental Health & Wellbeing Lead

Religious Studies



Year 12 and 13 A Level Religious Studies students had a fantastic and slightly wet pilgrimage in London on Friday 27th September as they completed the 'Coronation Line'.

They visited twelve sites of religious interest as part of this walking tour

exploring ancient sites linked to the church and monarchy. This included the oldest church in the City of London, a church that was destroyed during the Blitz, as well as climbing to the top of St Paul's Cathedral. The students, along with their RS teachers, visited a secret Roman temple to the god Mithras which is hidden under street level. A fantastic, exhausting, reflective and fun day. Well done for completing the mini pilgrimage!

Photo credit: Isabella, Year 13. St Magnus the Martyr Church, Billingsgate.

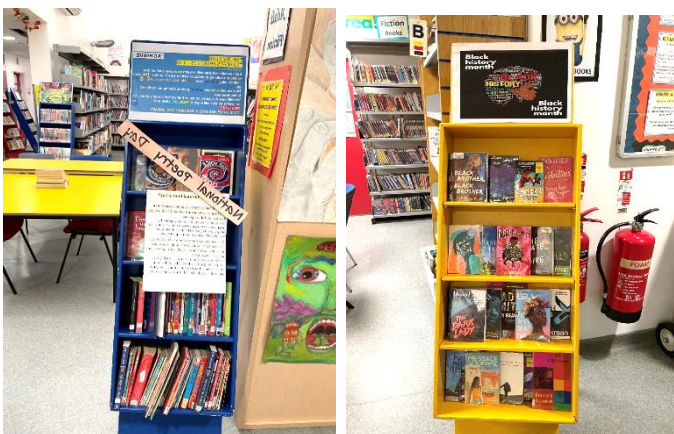
Ms Brookman
Teacher of Religious Studies



Bingo Winners!



Well done to our Summer Bingo Reading Challenge winners, Annelise, Tilly and Ari. They completed all the tasks and provided some wonderful evidence. They have each received a £10 Amazon Voucher.



We are celebrating Black History Month and National Poetry Day in the library with a plethora of books for students to borrow.

A REMINDER OF LIBRARY CLUBS:

WEDNESDAY: 2.00pm-3.00pm KS3 BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY: 3.00pm-4.00pm POETRY CLUB

THURSDAY (HALF TERMLY): KS4/5&STAFF

BOOK CLUB STARTING 17th OCTOBER

Miss Sumsion

School Librarian and Reading Champion

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SUCCESS FOR ALL

Monday					
Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue	Department
Year 11 Band	Year 11	JM	8.15am - 08.55am	MU2	Music
Year 7 Keyboard Club	Year 7	KJ	8.15am - 08.55am	MU1	Music
Badminton and Table Tennis	Year 7, 10 & 11	SEN1	1.30pm-2.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
Football	Year 11	CUL	4.00pm-5.15pm	Astro	PE
Tuesday					
Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue	Department
Girls Fitness	All	MEN2	7.45am-8.15am	Fitness Suite	PE
Orchestra	All (playing level required)	KJ	8.15am - 08.55am	MU1	Music
Music Production club	All	MS	8.15am - 08.55am	Music Studio	Music
Geometric Art	Year 7	BEG2	8.30am-8.55am	MA11	Maths
Indoor cricket	Year 8 & 9	HWD	12.30pm-1.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
Christian lunch	All	ROS1	1.30pm - 1.55pm	HU5	N/A
Football	Year 7	HWD	3.05pm-4.00pm	Astro	PE
Football	Year 10	SEN1	3.05pm-4.00pm	Astro	PE
Netball	Year 8 & 9	MEN2	3.05pm-4.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
Girls football	All	BEV1	3.05pm-4.00pm	Astro	PE
Poetry in Performance	Year 7 & 8	BRC/SUM/HAL4/WIL3	3.05pm-4.00pm	DR3	Drama
Poetry Club	All	SUM	3.05pm-4.00pm	Library	LIB/ENG
Textiles Club	All	MIR2	3.05pm-4.00pm	DT6	Technology
DofE	Year 10	LEA2	3.05pm	SD3 /ARP / Lit Lab	Duke of Edinburgh
KS3 Drama Society	Year 7, 8 & 9	WIL3/BRY2/HAL4/SUM4	3.05pm	DR3	Drama
Wednesday					
Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue	Department
Year 10 band	Year 10	KJ	8.15am - 08.55am	MU1	Music
Volleyball	All	HWD	7.45am-8.15am	Sports Hall	PE
Basketball	Year 10 & 11	RDF Coach	1.30pm-3.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
Amnesty	All	SAL3/WNG	1.30pm-2.00pm	PDE1	PDE
Pride and Allies	All	BRO4	1.30pm-1.55pm (1st Weds of Month)	Library	RS
Book Club	KS3	SUM	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Library	LIB/ENG
Thursday					
Club	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue	Department
Fitness	All	SEN1	7.45am-8.15am	Fitness Suite	PE
Basketball	All	EME1	7.45am-8.15am	Sports Hall	PE
Vocal Group	All	MH	8.15am - 08.55am	MU2	Music
Wind Band	All (playing level required)	SS	8.15am - 08.55am	MU1	Music
Geometric Art Club	Year 7 & 8	BEG2	8.30am-8.55am	MA11	Maths
Handball	Year 8 & 9	BEV1	12.30pm-1.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
Arabic	Year 7	LAR1	1.30pm-2.00pm	MFL4	MFL
Football	Year 8	HWD	3.05pm-4.00pm	Astro	PE
Football	Year 9	SEN1	3.05pm-4.00pm	Astro	PE
Netball	Year 7, 10 & 11	EME1, JON4 BOU, BEV1	3.05pm-4.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
Fitness	All	MEN2	3.05pm-4.00pm	Fitness Suite	PE
Book club	KS4/5 & Staff	SUM	3.05pm-4.00pm (half termly initially)	Library	LIB/ENG
Wellbeing Club	All	DRA1	3.05pm-3.45pm	Mentoring Hub	Pastoral
Photography and Animation	Year 9 & 10	FRA2	3.05pm-4.00pm	AR2	Art
Poetry in performance	Year 7 & 8	SUM4	3.05pm-4.00pm	DR3	Drama
Rugby	Year 7 & 8	KER	3.05pm-4.00pm	Field	PE
Friday					
Club Name	Year Group	Staff	Time	Venue	Department
Indoor Athletics	Year 7 & 8	BEV1	7.45am-8.15am	Sports Hall	PE
Jazz Band	All (playing level required)	KJ	8.15am - 08.55am	MU1	Music
Language Ambassadors	KS3	BUF	12.30pm-1.00pm	MFL2	French
Badminton and Table tennis	Year 8 & 9	MEN2	12.30pm-1.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
Badminton and Table tennis	Year 7, 10 & 11	JON4	1.30pm-2.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
Basketball	KS3	RDF Coaching	3.00pm-4.00pm	Sports Hall	PE
UKMaths Challenge Club	Years 7 -10	MOR12	3.05pm-4.05pm	MA9	Maths