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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #8

Welcome back everyone. Lots going on this half-term and lots to look forward to. Whilst we have been operating slightly differently with virtual assemblies, face coverings in communal spaces and fewer visitors onsite, we have still tried to run events and activities. It is fair to say we had a high level of staff and student absence prior to half-term and we want to minimise any potential absence. Thankfully, none of our community have been too unwell. However, we do have some students and staff experiencing 'long Covid' symptoms and it is important that we do what we can to support them.

Sixth Form News

Events

This week Year 12 students went on a trip to the Universities and Apprenticeship Fair in Leicester. They had the opportunity to speak with representatives of universities from around the country and have conversations about careers and apprenticeships. Lots of prospectuses were collected by students with discussions on the bus home about favourites, entry requirements and where they might follow up at open days.

Year 13 had their delayed Young Drivers' Day, with visiting representatives from DCC, Fire and Police providing presentations on awareness of pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists, peer pressure, alcohol and drugs awareness, and real-life examples from their own professional experience. Students said it was very informative and provided them new information, with the real-life examples being particularly effective.

FPTA Notice

All Parents and Carers are welcome to attend the FPTA meeting on Tuesday 9th November 6-7pm. It will be held via Zoom. Please email fpta@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk for a link to join the meeting. This week, Mr Bawden will be in attendance for a Q+A on the Covid measures in school. Please join us if you are interested in deciding how we spend our existing FPTA funds and to help us with ideas for how to raise more.

Anti-Bullying Week Monday 15th - 19th November - One Kind Word

We will be marking this very important week with a variety of activities focused on what bullying is and how students can access help and support if they are being bullied or have seen bullying in or outside of school and online. We will look at ways we can eradicate bullying and how everyone can play a key part.

On Monday 15th November we want all staff and students to wear odd socks (over trousers and over tights if they wish) to promote our differences and what makes us unique. We cannot wait to see those jazzy odd socks!

Students will also start to see posters around school where staff have chosen 'One Kind Word' about a colleague. We hope that this helps to model kind behaviour and gives everyone a smile as they pass through school. We have had some wonderful ones so far including Mrs McNulty (Teacher of Maths) saying that Mr Barnhurst (Curriculum Leader of Maths) is 'phenomenal', Miss Waterfall (Teacher of English) describing Mr Pellet (Deputy SENCo) as 'patient' and Miss Ward (Assistant Headteacher) saying that Mrs Roper (School Librarian) is 'creative'.



Well done U14's Girls Football

This was our first fixture in over 18 months, so the nerves were high. But the girls didn't let that stop them. Each and every one of them gave their all and we came away with a 5-0 win in the 3rd round of the National Cup against Stockport School. Scorers - Phoebe x2, Molly, Emily & Kasey.



Congratulations!

Recent Sixth Form alumni, Robert L, has been nominated for two Best Editor ODEON National Youth Film Awards, for two films for which he was the editor. Congratulations to Robert, we wish him all the very best for the Awards ceremony in London in December.

Activities in Ashbourne

ASHBOURNE **INDOORS FROM 5TH NOVEMBER!**

MULTI SPORTS

FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, NETBALL & MORE

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4 - 5pm
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Lantern Procession

Friday 3rd December 2021.
Gather at St. Oswald's Church 5:30pm - 6:00pm, procession starts at 6:30pm.

A highlight of Ashbourne Christmas celebrations, this enchanting procession ends with carols around the Christmas tree. The event is brought to you by Ashbourne Festival and supported by Ashbourne Churches Together, Ashbourne Town Council, St Oswald's Church and Ashbourne Methodist Church. These elaborate and fantastic lanterns are made by local adults and children in workshops run by Ashbourne Arts.

If you would like to take part in making a lantern, carrying one in the procession or even stewarding please email info@ashbournefestival.org or call 01335 348707.

Lantern Workshop

Saturday 20th November 2021
10.00am to 4.00pm
Waterside Hall, Methodist Church
Station Street, Ashbourne, DE6 1AA
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Christmas Lantern Procession

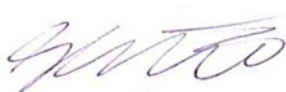


Finally

Congratulations to Miss Fowler and Mr Chow who now have a new baby boy.

Have a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher