



NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd November 2018

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

I have really enjoyed the start to Half Term 2. I had been looking forward to the launch of our new, whole school initiative 'Behaviour for Progress' since we first started to plan for it back in the summer term. With all our preparation completed, Assistant Headteacher Mrs Sergison has led assemblies on it this week and pupils, parents and staff will see this new strand to our school become very high profile over the coming months. The aim of 'Behaviour for Progress' is to encourage our pupils to become pro-active learners and to flourish in the classroom and beyond. We are aiming to increase pupil confidence and independence as the next, crucial step in our already strong standards of behaviour. We will keep you informed of our progress in this domain as the initiative becomes embedded.

I am pleased to report the vast majority of our pupils have behaved very sensibly in the community during the week of Halloween and I would like to endorse the message delivered by Heads of Year this week which has encouraged pupils to attend organised, official fireworks events at the weekend and on 5th November.

Next week we have a range of visitors coming for tours of the Academy and I am sure they will be extremely impressed by our school standards.

Wishing you a safe weekend.

Yours sincerely

V Gowan, Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

El Día de Los Muertos

This week the MFL department have enjoyed celebrating the day of the dead, and pupils have taken part in a variety of activities. The celebration is originally a Mexican tradition, where people honour those who have died, in a colourful and celebratory fashion - which is exactly what we did! Pupils were able to purchase themed cupcakes, which had the traditional symbol of a **calavera** (skull), ¡Qué delicioso! The money raised has been added to the fundraising for the KS4 French trip in February. Our Year 8 pupils had the opportunity to take part in funny photo booth sessions with props and costumes, please see Miss Crookes if you would like to purchase these photos of you and your friends! Meanwhile, our Year 7 pupils were invited to a Mexican themed film night to watch Pixar's *Coco* film – an enjoyable day by all who took part!



Calling ALL year 7,8 & 9 pupils!! Do you like science experiments?

Would you like to have some fun after school doing an investigation?

Would you like to be awarded a CREST Award, which is nationally recognised?

If the answers are YES, come along to G44d (Mrs. Fitzsimon's classroom) and put your name down. There are only 20 places. The club will run every Wednesday form 3-4pm for 10 weeks.



WINNERS 15th – 19th October 2018

Attendance – **Curie**

Behaviour – **Curie**

House points – **Nightingale**

Punctuality – **Einstein**



Year 10 Mock Exams Please note mock exams taking place during the coming weeks:

Date	Session	Exam
Tues 6 th November	5&6	English Language
Thurs 8 th November	1&2	English Literature
Wed 14 th November	1&2	Maths
Thurs 16 th November	1&2	Maths

Coming soon...

Pupil Leadership



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Year 10 GCSE Food & Nutrition

A huge congratulations to all Year 10 pupils who completed their pastry examination during the last week of term. Pupils were demonstrating skills in puff, filo, shortcrust and choux pastry. The pupils were marked on hygiene and safety, technical skill, knowledge of ingredients and presentation. Pupils exceeded all expectations and the results were amazing. Next half term pupils will be concentrating on meat and fish preparation. Pupils will be learning about butchery and why we cook food.



Mrs Ferns
Acting Head of
Department



Mr Blake
Classroom
Teacher



Mrs Hampson
Acting Head of
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Mrs Barnes
Classroom
Teacher



Mrs Greenhalgh
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Mrs Blackmore
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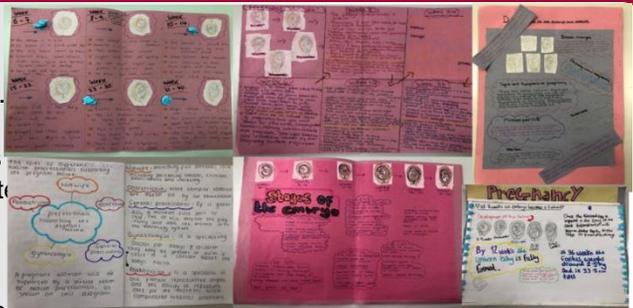
Hair and Beauty

This first half term, some pupils in Year 10 used paraffin wax on their hands in practical lesson. This is a specialised hand and foot treatment which leaves the skin feeling super soft and strengthens the nails. This is new equipment that the school have purchased to allow pupils to experience more specialised treatments. Year 11 pupils used it on their feet, as a treat in the middle of working on their assignments. When they have finished their current assignment, they will learn how to use the paraffin wax as part of a facial treatment. We await their results with anticipation!



Child Development

Year 10 have made a fantastic start and are working hard towards their examination in June 2019. The examination is 50% of their final grade. They have just finished investigating how the egg develops into an embryo and then a foetus. They have completed independent work as part of this, well done Year 10!



Year 11 child development continue to work on their course work assignments. **Coursework** is 50% of the final grade and pupils are encouraged to re-visit and improve their work to a high standard before the final assessment and external moderation. Coursework can be accessed via the Google classroom from school or at home.

Good websites for revision are: www.nhs.com www.bounty.com www.babycentre.co.uk/pregnancy www.foundationyears.org.uk/eyfs---statutory---framework/ <https://quizlet.com/en-gb>

Year 11 Design and Technology

Continue to work on their Non-Exam Assessment (NEA) pupils are being asked to solve real life contexts and are currently developing their initial designs. Their NEA is worth 50% of the final grade and pupils are encouraged to re-visit and improve their work before final assessment and moderation.

Non-Exam Assessment deadline is March 2019.

Recommended website for revision: www.technologystudent.com



Technology Enrichment

Year 9 are working on a competition with the Design Museum. Some pupils have been attending enrichment to try and improve the quality of their competition entries.

"During the autumn term I have been working on my project for an international contest aimed at Year 9-11 pupils. The aim of the project is to create a product designed to solve an everyday problem. The winning design will be manufactured and sold in the Design Museum gift shop, London. The winning product will sell for between £5 and £10 in the shop and the profits go to the charity chosen by the winning team. " Cameron Owen' Jones

Enrichment is on Wednesday with Mr. Blake at lunchtime or with Mrs. Ferns after school. The deadline for entries is the 15th November 2018. You can find more information at <http://ventura.designmuseum.org/>

