



NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th November 2019

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

The main focus for this week has been on ensuring our Year 11 pupils are fully prepared for their forthcoming formal mock examinations. Miss Morrison, Mrs Hampson and their teams are working very hard to put in place all of the necessary pastoral support and our classroom teachers are delivering the appropriate subject content necessary for success. Please support the school by encouraging your child to revise hard at home and to attend all the additional sessions on offer. If we work together in partnership I am confident in saying we will see strong academic outcomes, both in the mock examinations and in the final results in August 2020.

I have completed numerous tours of the school this week and have seen some excellent practice from our pupils in lessons. There is still, however, some room for improvement at times in terms of Behaviour for Progress and I am anticipating seeing our pupils starting to really flourish in their understanding and articulation of their learning as the strategy becomes further embedded. Please discuss Behaviour for Progress with your child. He/she should be able to tell you all about it.

With best wishes for the weekend.

Yours sincerely,

V. Gowan V Gowan, Headteacher



Miss Gowan
Headteacher

IMPORTANT NOTICE PUPILS APPOINTMENTS - In order to minimise disruption to the school working day and the pupils' education, all appointments such as optician and dental check-ups, should be made outside of school hours. This situation is the same for school staff. If your child has an orthodontist or hospital appointment scheduled during the day, this must be approved in advance by Mrs Cundle, Assistant Headteacher, so that she can take the necessary steps to allow your child to leave the building on time. This pre-planning also reduces disruption to the wider school staff and pupils. Arriving at school without prior notice will only delay your child exiting the building and possibly make you late for any important appointments. The school will not compromise on our tight safeguarding procedures so please ensure you follow the guidance above. Form Tutors will also remind all pupils of these procedures. Many thanks for your continued support.

PARKING SAFETY NOTICE - Parking on the chevrons out side the school gates is not permitted as this is a safety issue when pupils are leaving the building. Thank those parents who abide by this rule.

LITERACY

Literacy Word of the Week: **Evaluate** - Find or judge the value of something.

Book Recommendation: THE CIRCLE

The Circle is currently being read in our Book Club and has created discussion around the media and the influence it has on our lives. If you are interested in joining Book Club and you are in Year 9, see Miss Morris F17.



NUMERACY PUZZLE

$3 \text{ (parrots)} + 3 \text{ (parrots)} + 3 \text{ (parrots)} = 24$
 $2 \text{ (penguins)} + 1 \text{ (parrot)} + 2 \text{ (penguins)} = 18$
 $2 \text{ (butterflies)} + 2 \text{ (butterflies)} + 1 \text{ (parrot)} = 16$
 $1 \text{ (parrot)} + 1 \text{ (parrot)} + 1 \text{ (penguin)} = 9$
 $1 \text{ (penguin)} + 1 \text{ (butterfly)} \times 1 \text{ (parrot)} = ?$

WINNERS 4th -8th November
Attendance Einstein,
Punctuality King, House Points
King, Behaviour King & Curie

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS		
Mon 18th Nov	1&2 5&6	English 1 Maths
Wed 20th Nov	1-3 5&6	English 2 MFL Listening
Thurs 21st Nov	1&2 5&6	History/Geography 1 Dual Linguists Writing
Fri 22nd Nov	All day 3&4	Art—Option D Option D
Mon 25th Nov	1&2 5&6	Geography 2 Science Biology
Tues 26th Nov	1&2 3&4	Maths 2 Option B
Wed 27th Nov	1&2 5&6	Science Chemistry MFL reading / writing
Thurs 28th Nov	All Day 5&6	Art—Option C Option C
Fri 29th Nov	1&2 3&4 5&6	Option C for selected Art Option D / Group 2 Dual Humanities - Geography paper 2 MFL Writing
Mon 2nd Dec	1 & 2	Art - Option D Group 1
Tues 3rd Dec	1 & 2	Art - Option C Group 2
Wed 4th Dec	1 & 2 5&6	Maths 3 Science Physics

History

Year 7 pupils have been studying the Norman Conquest of England in 1066 and in particular the reasons for William of Normandy's victory at the Battle of Hastings. Ms Blackmore decided that the best way to fully explain this to her class was to stage a full-scale re-enactment of the battle.



Here pupils are demonstrating the formidable Anglo-Saxon shield wall which William had to break if he was to achieve victory.



The Normans engaged the Anglo-Saxons in combat before pretending to run away (the famous feigned retreat).



Was Harold really shot in the eye?



Mr Kemp
Head of Department



Mr Lloyd
Head of Geography



Mrs Bannon
Head of Year 9



Ms Blackmore
Classroom Teacher



Mr Lindsay
Classroom Teacher



Mrs O'Neill
Classroom



Mr Owen
Head of Year 7

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The history department once again led assemblies during remembrance week with a particular focus on the 75th anniversary of D-Day. This year's assembly focused on the actions of the remarkable Hal Baumgarten, an American Jew who celebrated his Jewish heritage by drawing a yellow star of David onto his field jacket despite the obvious dangers that this would bring. Hal survived D-Day but thousands of soldiers did not and the school came together to remember these men and women and reflect on their sacrifice.



Year 11 exams

Good Luck to all our Year 11 pupils who have their history mock exam on Thursday 21st November. Make sure you know your TOP 40 key events from the USA 1954-1975.

TOP 40

PAPER 3
AMERICA 1954-1975

Can you explain the TOP 40?
Who? Where? When? What? Why?

1 Jim Crow Laws	2 Ku Klux Klan	3 NAACP + CORE	4 Linda Brown	5 Emmett Till	6 Little Rock	7 Bus Boycott	8 Greensboro Sit-ins
9 Freedom Riders	10 James Meredith	11 Birmingham	12 March on Washington	13 Freedom Summer	14 Selma	15 Government Laws/Acts	16 King and Chicago
17 Malcolm X + Black Power	18 Black Panthers	19 City Riots	20 MLK Assassination	21 Battle of Dien Bien Phu	22 Geneva Accords	23 Domino Theory	24 Diem
25 Vietcong	26 Ho Chi Minh Trail	27 Strategic Hamlet Program	28 Gulf of Tonkin	29 Operation Ranch Hand	30 Operation Rolling Thunder	31 Search + Destroy	32 Tet Offensive
33 Vietnam - isation	34 The Draft	35 The Media	36 My Lai Massacre	37 Kent State Shootings	38 Hard Hat Riots	39 The Silent Majority	40 Peace Negotiations

Geography

YEAR 11 REVISION & EXAMINATIONS

Over the next few weeks Year 11 pupils will be sitting 2 mock exam papers: Paper 2 and Paper 3 (paper 1 will be after Christmas). Over the past 3 months pupils have been given the opportunity to revise this material after school on a Friday. It is important that everyone continues with their hard work in preparation for their exams. There is also a variety of support and resources available for pupils, including one to one exam revision sessions, past paper practice and Google classroom. In order to access Google classroom, pupils will need the password (6ce4v7s). There is a huge variety of resources on Google classroom, including, worksheets and links to videos to support understanding.

Year 7 are

currently starting a series of lessons based on UK weather hazards. We have been discussing some of the impacts that weather can have on this country. This has been supported by the floods that have taken place throughout Yorkshire and some surrounding counties.



UPCOMING TOPICS

Having a good wealth of knowledge is important to succeed in every subject. Over the next few months pupils can read ahead to help their understanding.

- Year 7 - Weather hazards in the UK and India
- Year 8 - Brazil and Energy Management
- Year 9 - Development and Natural Hazards (earthquakes)
- Year 10 - Urban change in the UK (Liverpool) and the UK economy
- Year 11 - Natural Hazards (earthquakes) and Ecosystems (Amazon)

GEOGRAPHY IN THE NEWS

We aim to give our pupils the experience and understanding of how geography can impact our world. This has never been more relevant than over the past few months.

Typhoon Hagibis impacted the Rugby Union World Cup in Japan. Our Year 9 pupils were studying weather hazards at the same time as this tropical storm was causing devastation and disruption throughout Japan.

