



Message from the Interim Headteacher

What a busy week!

We kicked off the week with Mr Webster and Miss Cass accompanying a number of our Year 10 students on a visit to Writtle College on Monday. The aim of the visit was to provide students with the opportunity to experience the college and university environment and gain an understanding of the sports courses on offer post 16.

Over the last two weeks our Year 9 students have been taking part in Careers Workshops in collaboration with the Department for Work & Pensions organised by Miss Smith, Careers Adviser. Students were given the opportunity to learn about industry 'sectors' and Labour Market Information (LMI) and its importance. The students were then given a chance to research job roles using the Career Pilot website.

Students' feedback: *'showed me paths to go down and how to research them; was not aware of the different jobs you can get from a certain subject; found out what you have to take for GCSE depending on what you want to do for a job; the Career Pilot website gave me what I needed to know; I now know what qualifications I need.'*

I think all agreed it had been very informative.

On Wednesday, Miss Cassar and Miss Reinecke supported Year 9 'Blood Brothers' trip to the Cliffs Pavilion. Year 9 students are currently studying the play in drama lessons and for some this was the very first time they had watched live theatre!

The Year 10 Parents' Evening also took place on Wednesday. Thank you to all those parents and carers who kindly completed our online survey during the evening. Your views as parents and carers really matter to us. Immediately after the Parents' Evening the Senior Leadership Team and I had the pleasure of hosting our first Platinum Presentation. The event was held to celebrate those students who embody the 'Southchurch Way' and represent all that 'STAR' stands for. We are looking forward to hosting future Platinum Presentations after each Parents' Evening.

Yesterday after school we held our first inter-house quiz. I would like to thank all those who took part, both students and staff. Prizes will be handed out in assemblies.

Mrs Airoll
Interim Headteacher

Year 10 visit to Writtle College

On Monday, some of our year 10 students visited Writtle College to experience college life and find out about the sports courses available to them.

Writtle college sent us some fantastic feedback:

"Thank you for visiting us with your year 10 sports students earlier today. They were genuinely (very, genuinely) an absolute delight – so friendly, engaged and exceptionally polite!"

Student review – Morgan Wright

"We arrived at the college and went to one of the rooms to fill out a form on how we felt about the college from the start. We then went to the sport science lab and did two tests; one was a power input and the other was a standing jump test to test the power you used.

We then had a tour off the campus and they showed us everything and explained its use. We then had a break and shortly after, we had a short talk about the campus and what it aims to do.

Overall, I think it is a good college and I will consider it as one of my options."



Year 9 - Blood Brothers at The Cliffs Pavilion

On Wednesday, 15 of our year 9 students went to the Cliffs Pavilion to watch a performance of Blood Brothers.

It was a great show, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and our students behaved exemplary. They understood the humour and some just laughed out loud, which was lovely to hear. They understood the poignant moments and there were tears as they felt the emotion of the final scene. It was so good; the students gave the cast a standing ovation at the end!

Clubs - Before School

We have a number of clubs for all students to attend before school every day.

On Monday, there is Trampolining, Tuesday we have Technogym and Wednesday is Badminton, they all run from **7.30am - 8.15am.**

Breakfast Club runs every day from **7.15am - 8.20 am.**

PE Extra-Curricular Activities

Here is the PE extra-curricular timetable for this term.

Boys and girls are welcome to attend all clubs.

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 07:30 - 08:15	Trampolining Miss Waite Mr Webster	Technogym Miss Atkinson Miss Stockman Miss Townley	Badminton Mr Biggie		
AFTER SCHOOL 15:15 - 16:15	Netball Y7+8 Miss Waite Rugby All Years Mr Webster Mr Thomas	Football All Years Mr Thomas Mr Biggie Girls Football Miss Atkinson Miss Stockman Y9 Sports Leaders Miss Waite	Basketball All Years Mr Thomas Mr Webster Mr Biggie Miss Townley Running Ms Reinecke	Y10 Intervention Miss Waite Mr Webster	Y11 Intervention

Lunch - Week 2 Menu

SWAN'S RESTAURANT		WEEK 2			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Chicken Curry Served with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread	Homemade Lasagne Served with Garlic Bread & Salad	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes Mixed Vegetables & Gravy	Chicken Fajita Served with a Corn on the Cob & Coleslaw	Beef Burger or Battered Fish Served with Chips & Baked Beans or Coleslaw
Vegetarian Meal	Vegan Chilli Served with Boiled Rice	Vegan Meatballs Served with Pasta & Garlic Bread	Vegetarian Slice Served with Roast Potatoes Mixed Vegetables & Gravy	French Bread Pizza Served with a Mixed Salad & Coleslaw	Vegan Nuggets Served With Chips & Baked Beans or Coleslaw

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Poetry Competition

There is still time to enter The Young Writer's poetry competition, please see Mr Keane for entry forms in G1.

The closing date is 06 February 2023.

Inter-house Quiz Night

We would like to congratulate all of our students and staff who took part in our first inter-house quiz.

Everyone involved had a great time and we cannot wait for the next one!

The winning house was **Montgomery**, with **De Havilland** in 2nd place and **Pietro** in 3rd place.



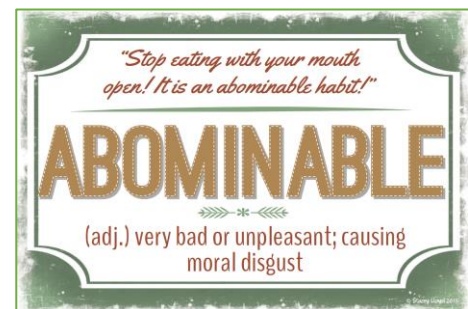
Drum Lessons

We have an exciting opportunity for students to have 1-2-1 drum lessons at school with drummer Mason Cassar from the band The Rills!

If you are interested, please collect a form from Miss Cassar.

Full funding is available for music students and pupil premium funding is also available.

English - 'Word of the Week'



News

We also have further news from The Library, the EAL department & Wellbeing Support.

Please see the attached newsletters from these departments.

Key Dates

01 February	Year 8 Nuclear Bunker Trip	
03 February	Year 7 British Museum Trip	
08 February	Year 9 Parent's Evening	4-7pm
13-17 February	Half term	
20 February	Staff training day Closed to students	
21 February	Students return to school	