



27 November 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope you are well and keeping safe. I am sure, like myself, you all feel a real sense of relief at the prospect of the end of this current lockdown and the Tier 2 judgement the area received yesterday. I do feel for the children, with the lack of opportunities for sport, dance and theatre and general socialisation outside of school. Fingers crossed that a little more normality resumes in the next few weeks for all our young people. However, as a school it is important that we stay vigilant, keep wearing our face coverings and respecting each other's space as much as possible. The school remains incredibly fortunate to have been able to deliver uninterrupted education over the last twelve weeks. We want this to remain so over the last few weeks of term.

Attendance has been excellent again this week with an average daily rate of 95.5% and so I can only applaud both the students and parents for their commitment to schooling. My staff absence rate continues to be very low and we have lost less than 15 days all term to teacher absence. This stability makes such a difference to the momentum and progress the students make in the classroom.

Next week sees our second virtual parents' evening with Year 11 in the hot seat for this one. Staff are looking forward to meeting parents, sharing the mocks feedback and hopefully formulating plans on how to move forwards. With over 80% of parents signed up for next Wednesday this suggests that this style of parents' evening is very popular indeed. Overall, I have to say I am very pleased with Year 11 and their attitude to school this year and many of the mock results I have seen reflect this. Who knows what next summer may bring but the students are certainly giving themselves a good chance of success based on their current levels of application.

We had a lovely breaktime on Tuesday with the Key Stage 3 Busking Lunch. Performances from Vakaris, Jimmy and Emily all lit up our morning. These students are my **Students of the Week** for their courage and confidence in performing. As someone once said "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone". The event was well attended in a socially distanced manner and a big thank you to Miss Fay for her organisation in making this happen in these strained times.

Please find below our new Student and Parent Bulletin. I want to make sure that all parents know as much as possible about the events and clubs going on in school and therefore can encourage student participation. For example, our Magistrates Competition group launches next week. This is a brilliant opportunity for any student who enjoys debate, quick thinking, current affairs and crime! Alongside this our lunchtime dance club is back on from next week and in both instances, parents nudging children can make a difference to participation and helping to get bags packed correctly for the next day.



Please don't forget to use the links to our [FAB and DRAB](#) email and our [staff member of the week](#) nominations. Last week saw some lovely nominations for Mr Hunter and his steadfast and enthusiastic encouragement of all students in their Cross-Country endeavours.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Andy Hartley  
Headteacher

## STUDENT AND PARENT BULLETIN

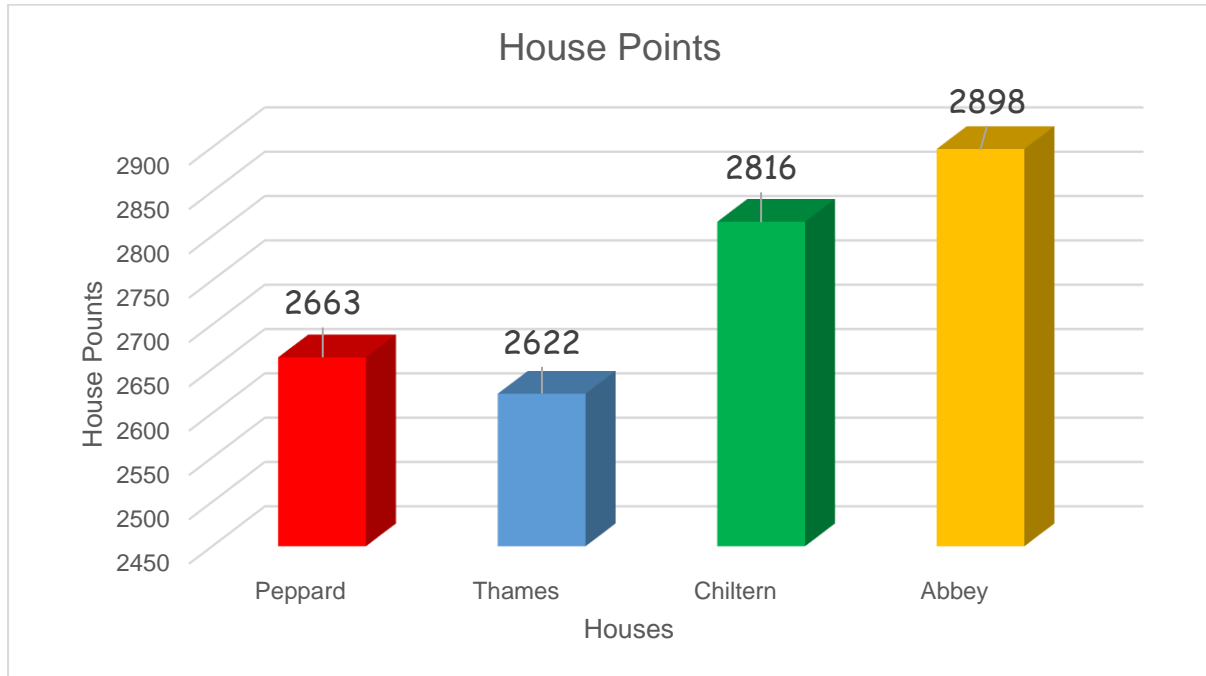
Monday, 30 November (Week 2)	
Break 1	
Break 2	KS3 Chess Club in DT3
Tuesday, 1 December	Y8/9 Assembly (Safeguarding)
Break 1	
Break 2	Y8/9 2021 Mock Magistrates in EN1 Y7/8/9 Dance Club in the Dance Studio
After School	KS3 Homework Club in the library
Wednesday, 2 December	Y7 Assembly (Safeguarding) Y11 MOCK results (P5)
Break 1	Y10 GCSE students only – Dance Club in the Dance Studio
Break 2	Y10 GCSE students only – Dance Club in the Dance Studio
After School	Y11 Parents' Evening KS4 Art & Photography Club in AS1
Thursday, 3 December	
Break 1 (11:05 – 11:35)	KS3 Busking lunchtime
Break 2 (12:35 – 13:05)	Y7/8/9 Debate Club in EN2
After School	KS4 Homework Club in the library
Friday, 4 December	Y10/11 Assembly (Safeguarding)
Break 1	
Break 2	



# ADVANCE NOTICE

10 December 2020

Y11 MOCK interviews



NEW TASTY HOT CRUNCH  
FRESH HOT FUSION DELI  
**DELICIOUS**

**Week 1 commencing:** 1st September, 28th September, 2nd November, 30th November

	<b>Mediterranean Mondays</b>	<b>Traditional Tuesdays</b>	<b>World Wednesdays</b>	<b>Food for Thought Thursday</b>	<b>Friday Favourites</b>
<b>Main Meal</b>	Chicken Souvlaki served with Rice or Vegetables	Veggie Sausage served with Yorkshire Pudding, Mash Potato & Carrots	Sticky Vietnamese Chicken Noodles served with Sweetcorn Cobs	Pork, Sweet Potato & Coconut Curry served with Rice, Naan & Chutney	Fish of the Day served with Chipped Potatoes, Lemon Wedges & Peas
<b>Food to go</b>	Tomato Ragù Pasta Pot	Spicy Chicken Wrap & Salad	Mozzarella & Tomato Wholemeal Baguette Melt	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Veggie Quarter Pounder served with Fries, Peas or Salad
<b>Sandwich Special</b>	Ham & Cheddar Baguette	Tuna & Cucumber Wholemeal Baguette	Cheddar Ploughman's on Granary Bread	BBQ Chicken Flat Bread	Cheese Panini
<b>Boxed Salads</b>	Chicken Caesar Salad	Mixed Leaf Roast Chicken Salad	Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Salad	Greek Pesto Salad	Chefs Salad
<b>Dessert</b>	50% Fruity Jelly	Lemon Mousse Pot	Peach cheesecake	Chocolate Mousse	Fresh fruit salad

Freshly baked bread, fruit pots, yoghurts and salad boxes available daily.

**Our menu provides a variety of dishes made from quality ingredients, cooked onsite for the optimum taste experience.**