



30 November 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The feedback from last Friday's reward concert has been positive from the students who really enjoyed the experience.

We have another reward booked for the end of term; good attendance and a positive attitude to learning from this term will earn a ticket to the event.

Year 7 footballers continue to perform well in the local league, securing two wins, a draw and a loss. Training is important to continue to develop the skills and confidence needed in matches, it is recommended that the students attend these valuable sessions.

We wish Year 11 the best of luck in their Mocks which are now underway. It was pleasing to see a full turnout for the first maths exam this morning. A reminder that students should bring their Scientific Calculator on Monday, 3 December.

We look forward to seeing Year 10 parents at the Parents' Evening on Wednesday from 5:30pm in the Main Hall. Please contact Mrs Oakham if your son/daughter is struggling to secure an appointment.

Have a good weekend,

**Miss Moira Green**  
Headteacher

**Dates for your Diary**

- Year 10 **Parents' Evening** will take place on **Wednesday, 5 December**
- Alice the Musical, tickets will be available from Monday 3 December on the School Gateway or from Reception. Tickets cost £7 adults and £4 concessions.
- Last day of term is **21 December**. School closes at 12:30pm

## Reminders

Stationeries are available to buy from Pupil Services during AM tutor time and AM break time. Prices below:

Pen	5p
Pencil	5p
Ruler	10p
Glue Stick	£1
Protractor	40p
Compass	25p
Scientific Calculator	£3.50

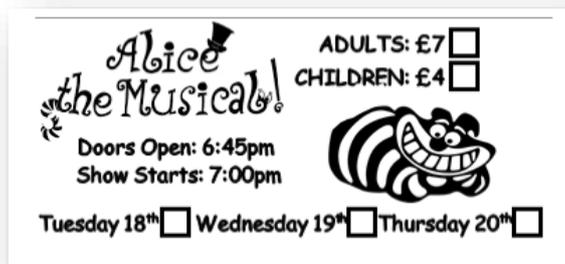
There are a lot of unnamed items in **Lost Property** (within Pupil Services). Any unclaimed items will be taken to charity at the end of term.

## Art, Design & Technology

We ran a competition in IT this term to design a ticket for the for the school play 'Alice the Musical', with every student from Year 7 to Year 9 having an opportunity to take part. We had amazing entries, making the decision to pick the best a very tough one, however, we have made a decision and the winner is...

James, Year 9

James' work clearly shows that he read and listened to the instructions given and as a result has produced very professional work. Thanks James great work!



## English

**Year 10** are working on English Language paper 1 skills and English Literature 'Power and Conflict' poetry. They also continue to have weekly spelling tests. Homework is published on Show My Homework.

**Year 11** are working on English Language paper 1 and English Literature poetry. Revision and exam preparation is the order of the day here as they are preparing for their mock exams. Weekly spelling tests are also completed. All homework and useful revision guides have been published on Show My Homework.

## Food Technology

In Food & Nutrition this week:

**Year 7** have been preparing to create their bronze, silver or gold level Macaroni Cheese, learning about the roux method of sauce making.

**Year 8** are making healthy fish and chips

**Year 9** planning their mini NEA task, to cook a dish of their choice in one hour, to tie in with their topic of ethical ingredient issues.

**Year 10** made dishes that demonstrated how vitamins can be retained through cooking processes

**Year 11** practicing their choux pastry skills and revising key topics in preparation of their mock exams.

If you have any unusual plates or bowls that you may be considering recycling, that would be good for presenting food, we are always grateful to rehome them for you. Slates, wooden bowls, metal dishes as well as china really sets off GCSE work!



# SCIENCE NEWS

Lots of interesting things going on in Science recently!

First and foremost, **Year 7 and 8** welcomed their new permanent science teacher – Mr. Macdonald! We are very pleased to have the excellent Mr Macdonald with us in Science and looking forward to the exciting plans he has.

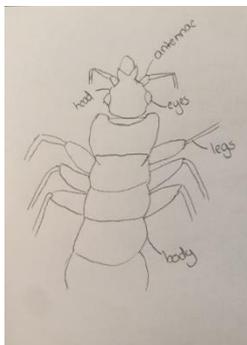
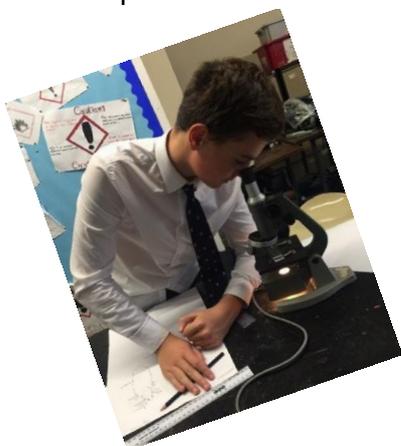
**Year 9** have been progressing well through the GCSE Science course, making good progress for the majority. If they would like some help for exam, revision Quizlet is an excellent resource. An app on their phone they can play quizzes with themselves or others and learn key definitions – 10 minutes a day is enough to cement their memory about key words and knowledge. If you would like to join Quizlet simply download the app for free and join your class with the code below:

9 set 1: <https://quizlet.com/join/fqPsV2GRZ>

9 set 2: <https://quizlet.com/join/64cB4Jffv>

9 set 3: <https://quizlet.com/join/bVfhctuta>

Year 9 have been progressing very well through their core practicals, the following are some images of a core practical in Biology, practicing the skill of drawing from a microscope.



**Year 10** have been working on Genetic Engineering or challenging chemical concentration ideas this week. To the left is a picture of Kate performing a Titration, a very delicate chemical test that requires precision and accuracy. Year 10 can revise at home for 10 minutes every day by using Quizlet, an excellent free app. I know many of Year 10 are already members of my Quizlet classes.



10 set 1: <https://quizlet.com/join/36kwauATC>

10 set 2: <https://quizlet.com/join/QXtbw68P8>

Good Luck to all **Year 11** with their mock examinations. As it is mock exams the homework presentations have been suspended for 2 weeks. Many thanks to all parents that have been working with their student on this homework. We have heard that it is very beneficial and we can see a difference in confidence and clarity in students who are working through these homework tasks at home.

A quick reminder there is **Science Revision Breakfast every Friday from 7:45am** – breakfast is provided.

Quizlet is a crucial app for Year 11s who wish to revise in the best way possible for their GCSEs.

11 set 1: <https://quizlet.com/join/wE7qPAxw9>

11 set 2: <https://quizlet.com/join/RGvJtZPsF>

11 set 3: <https://quizlet.com/join/Tm2meET8G>

Many thanks, *Miss Hardman*

## Performing Arts

### Music

**Year 7** have begun their Christmas song 'White winter Hymnal' alongside their clapping choreography.

**Year 8** are finalising their ostinato compositions and are sounding great!

Well done to **Year 9** who have put together their 'orchestral' version of *Ode to Joy* with some student conductors and it is wonderful!

**Year 10** have begun putting their melodies to their composition and progressing in their song writing skills.

**Year 11** are preparing for their upcoming performance mocks.

### Extracurricular in Music

Thursday lunchtime there will be a Christmas choir in the music room. Students can bring their lunch and eat it then.

### GCSE Drama Trip

On Wednesday this week, 15 GCSE Drama students went to Oxford to watch Willy Russel's *Blood Brothers*. We had great seats for a wonderful show. The students laughed, some cried and all of us jumped at some sound effect gun shots!

A great trip with students who conducted themselves in a way that was a credit to the school and their families!



## Modern Foreign Languages

**Year 7** are working really hard on learning their alphabet and numbers as well as practising extending opinion phrases in preparation for a writing assessment on Monday 10 December.

**Year 8** are enjoying designing their own fashion outfits and using adjectives and opinion phrases to describe them.

**Year 9** have been working really hard on learning the chores they have to do at home! It may inspire them to help around the house a little more....

**Year 10** are writing about their ideal home using the conditional tense. There have been some very imaginative ideas, including infinity pools, climbing walls, underground cinemas and lots of sea views!

I have been very impressed by the healthy turnout for intervention sessions by the Year 11 French group in the run up to their trial exams, including a last-minute breakfast session this morning before their writing exam. Their commitment is to be commended and will hopefully pay off.

*Bon Weekend! Ms Biddiss*

## Physical Education

### Winter Weather – PE kit

With the weather worsening and temperatures dropping, please can students pack additional layers for PE. Thermals are permitted, as are gloves in most lessons and the old CE jumpers. If students prefer to wear their rugby shirts over their polo shirts, that is fine too. Plain navy tracksuit bottoms are also permitted. Any questions regarding this please don't hesitate to contact the PE department.

### Fixtures next week:

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Year 7 Girls Football @ Bohunt School**

### Fixture update:

#### Year 7 Girls Football

The Year 7 girls football team turned up a little late to JMA after minibus trouble. With all 4 of the PE team trying to start the minibus I think we all have a new finding in life, mechanics.

Our first game was against Reading Girls, we went 1-0 up early with Hettie scoring the goal. Just after half way through the floodlights decided to turn off. With the lights refusing to turn on the JMA staff said that we'd have to call it off when all of a sudden Harry Potter flew over on his broomstick and flicked his wand to turn them back on. It was a Christmas miracle! We



managed to finish the first game winning 1-0 with a solid defensive effort to make sure we kept a clean sheet. We then played Blessed Hugh Faringdon in our second game, we unfortunately conceded early and then struggled to break down a stubborn BHF defence. With just 7 seconds left on the clock Sajunae picked up the ball just before halfway, took on their 2 defenders and scored to equalise with only 1 second left in the game. Using this late equaliser as motivation for the next game, we played hosts JMA, known for their football, and managed to go 1-0 down early. This time the team played a lot quicker and didn't give away another chance, our team playing solid football and Sajunae showing her class scoring a hat-trick to give us a 3-1 win. In our final game we played Denefield, we started off strong but tired soon after, all the hassle with the minibus and floodlights took their toll. Denefield took the lead and then didn't let MECE back into the game. Our girls never gave up but unfortunately Denefield scored a second and this knocked the girls' confidence. The rest of the game was dull with both teams settling for that result.

Well done to all the girls that played, they have been amazing the last 2 weeks and with 1 week left there's still a chance of making the finals!

#### Year 7 Boys 5 a-side Tournament

The year 7 boy's football team participated in a 5-a-side tournament at GOALS (Bulmershe School). The driving rain that fell as we arrived to the fixture was a challenge for the boys straight off the bat. Despite the unrelenting conditions, the boys worked throughout the 5 games that they played. This resulted in the boys coming 3rd in their pool, after which they narrowly lost to Theale Green School in the play offs (in an intense penalty shoot-out). Well done to all involved (listed below). Excellent work to all of the lads!

Joseph, Tyler, Ben, Dylan, Ashley, William, Corey, Jeremiah, Fletcher, Henry.

Well Done Lads!

The PE Department  
@ChilternEdgePE

**Thought of the week:**

“Every one you will ever meet, knows something you don't.”

Bill Nye