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Dear Parent/Guardian

Spring has finally sprung. The sun finally emerged from its hiding place.

We now only have 5 school days until Easter break, but we still have an awful lot to pack in before we break up at 12:30pm next Friday for a well-earned break.

This week Year 11 have 'enjoyed' (or endured!!) a series of final Mock Exams in English, Maths and Science. We wish them well as the GCSE exams are now fewer than 40 days away.

Thanks to your generous donations, our non-uniform day today raised over £300 for the victims of cyclone Idai.

There will be a full round-up of the Term next week.

Let's hope the sun keeps shining through the weekend.

Moira Green

Headteacher

SCIENCE NEWS

Hello everyone!

The science newsletter is always a nice time to reflect on all the achievements of students and staff that have taken place since our last newsletter.

Year 11 have been regularly attending Saturday school, Monday revision breakfast and intervention classes after school on Monday. I am in the process of marking the second mocks and I can see progress in almost every student. There is still some time to go, but please take a moment to congratulate and encourage your Year 11. The Science Zoo trip will take place next Thursday and I know many students are looking forward to it. This trip links to the final chapter of the Biology course, which includes conservation, biodiversity and endangered animals. I hope to send some pictures after next Thursday!



Please remember that there is Revision Breakfast every Monday with Ms. Hardman from 7:45 until 8:45. This will continue up until the final GCSE exam. All students are invited regardless of whether they are studying triple or combined science.

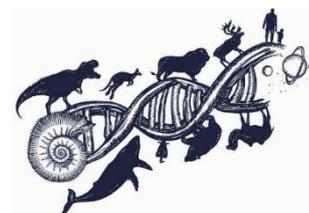
Year 10 are studying Radiation in Physics. Both groups are doing well with Ms. Hardman and Mr. Macdonald recently. Ms. Hardman's class gained some excellent test results and many students are working above their expected progress.

Year 10 also took place in the International Biology challenge last week, we hope to know the results after Easter. Last year several students won awards so we are hoping for a repeat this year!



Year 9 have been working at a good pace with all three science teachers. 9/2 have been learning about Atomic structure and bonding. 9/1 have been learning about the Periodic table and 9/3 have been learning about Forces and Motion. Soon all Year 9 classes will be studying Forces and Motion and it is a traditional school trip for Year 9 to attend Thorpe Park as a live investigation into speed, acceleration, energy transformations and much more!

Year 8 have been learning about evolution and variation, including designing their own campaigns to save an endangered animal. They are moving on to learning about the Earth next and most achieved good marks in a recent test.





Year 7 have been enjoying studying acids and alkalis and seeing all the different colours they can produce as well as using Bunsen burners.
Next up: light and space!

A group of Year 7 and 8 will be invited on a day visit to Johnson Matthey Laboratories in Sonning common village. More details to come next week!

Watch out for future trips and information for all of these year groups!

**Many thanks
Ms. Hardman**