Communications Update

Congratulations to the following students who have been published in the Young Writer’s poetry competition ‘Spring Awakening: new beginnings’

James Starkey  Milly McCrow  Henry Jenkinson
Lucy Crowther  Libby Eccleston  Andrew O’Neill
Cameron Green  Mei Tsang  Joshua Biggs
Aimee Haden  Ellamae Worthington  Max Rosier
Ella Allen  Lucy Martin  Callum Thompson
Eleanor Orme

We have a new competition called ‘Dedicated to Mum’ in which they can write a poem of any length and style that fits with the theme of the title. Entries are to be handed in by 20 March.

Sign Language Club

The first sign language club started last week, with four students enjoying learning the alphabet and questions. They can now introduce themselves and ask about each other. Ask Miss Davies for more information if you’re interested.

Modern Foreign Language Updates

GCSE French catch-up is on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for 40 minutes for any GCSE students who would like some help with their work with Miss Cowley.

Spanish club is on a Wednesday with Miss Atherton.

Gifted and Talented Year 10 students have been invited to Oxford University on 12 March for an enrichment day. Keep looking out for a report on how they get on!

Life as a Law Student

You all think it’s about the money
When actually there’s a lot to study
Everyone in Law is your buddy
But you’re not allowed to wear your hoody
We went on trips
Which gave us helpful tips
Magistrates’ Court is scary
But it seems they will sentence you fairly?
We saw half of Benefits Street while we were waiting!
Goodness know what they were anticipating
At the end of the year you will know that your folder
Will weigh the same as a really big boulder

Maths Update

Key Stage 3 students will be involved in an alien invasion investigation as part of the new Bowland Task being introduced in Maths. It will encourage independent learning and enhance problem solving skills in a fun way.

Maths have had a great turnout so far to the recent Year 11 revision sessions which have taken place after school Monday to Thursday 3.45—4.30. Well done to all students who have been attending!

Congratulations to the Maths stars of the week: Ellie-May Morgan, Matthew Dearlove, Katie James and Will Cheneler

Guy Newsletter

By Kate Thomas

Joseph rehearsals are progressing very well, with half of the show done in five weeks! The production cast and staff are working extremely hard, with just over one month until our production shows (matinees begin on Friday 21 March). The cast have been learning new songs and dance routines—we’re already exhausted from the vigorous workouts at the beginning of each rehearsal!

Tickets are now on sale at reception during lunchtimes.

With just 3 months before Year 11 leave, the pressure of our exams drawing near are now becoming a reality. Exam revision sessions are now taking place across all subjects—yet more past papers!!

Good luck, Year 11!

We are looking for willing volunteers across all years to become Guy house reps. The role will involve helping Tom and I organise charity, sport and music events as well as helping plan the future of Guy House. Please see myself or Tom Whitehead if you have any queries.

GCSE Art Exam Information

Exam dates:
GCSE exam (double option): Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 April 2014
Entry level exam: Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 April 2014
GCSE exam (single option): Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 April 2014

GCSE exam prep holiday task: produce two observation drawings of real objects in a media of your choice.

After school catch up sessions take place on Tuesdays and Fridays in AR1/AR2
Fairtrade Competition

Following Mr Page’s assembly telling us about the importance of buying Fair Trade products when we can, why don’t you have a go at the short quiz below? There is a chocolately prize (Fair Trade obviously!) for the first correct entry handed into Reception by Thursday 13 March.....

1. What is the name of the company that produced the first Fairtrade coffee?
   a. Traidcraft
   b. Cafédirect
   c. Agrofair
   d. The Co-operative

2. In what year was the Fairtrade Foundation established?
   a. 1994
   b. 1985
   c. 1992
   d. 1989

3. What is the name of the first supermarket to switch all its own label hot beverages to Fairtrade?
   a. The Co-operative
   b. Marks & Spencer
   c. Lidl
   d. Sainsbury’s

4. What was the total value of Fairtrade product sales in the UK in 20013?
   a. £6
   b. £267 million
   c. £493 million
   d. £22 billion

5. Which journalist and broadcaster is the patron of the Fairtrade Foundation?
   a. George Alagiah
   b. Jon Snow
   c. Victoria Beckham
   d. George Monbiot

6. What is the name of the iconic sugar company which in 2008 converted 100% of its retail branded sugar to Fairtrade?

7. Cocoa beans come from pods. On average, how many beans are there in each pod?
   a. 3
   b. 15
   c. 40
   d. 100

8. What does the term Fairtrade minimum price mean? The Fairtrade minimum price...
   a. defines the lowest possible price that a buyer of Fairtrade products must pay the producer.
   b. is the minimum price a Fairtrade company can sell their Fairtrade product for.
   c. is a fixed price paid to the farmer.
   d. refers to the social premium paid to producers.

9. If the world market price of a raw product e.g. sugarcane, rises above the Fairtrade minimum price, the Fairtrade farmers will lose out. True or false?
   a. True
   b. False

Music News

Message to all cast of Joseph

Rehearsals are ongoing during the holidays. Attendance is essential as we are finishing the show in the holidays. Students will need to bring plenty of food and drink on these days and can I remind students that you must not leave the premises for lunch. Students will also be given a list of items that they will need to provide for the show on the first Tuesday rehearsal.

Saturday 22nd Feb 10 – 3pm
Sunday 23rd Feb 10 – 2pm
Tuesday 25th Feb 10 – 3pm
Wednesday 26th Feb 10 – 3pm
NO REHEARSALS ON THE MIDDLE WEEKEND
Tuesday 4th March 10 – 3pm
Wednesday 5th March 10 – 3pm
To all CAST, please make sure you know your words and dance routines.

Extended learning project competition Year 7: SEA SHANTIES

Year 7 have started learning about Sea Shanties this week. We would like the students to complete a project about Sea Shanties for a competition. The winners will receive a small prize. All year 7’s must hand their work in by April 7th. They must write about the instruments the sailors used, life on board a ship and include the musical features of a sea shanty.

Year 11 MUSIC GCSE Class

All of your coursework is to be handed in at the end of March. Please ensure you are using the music department facilities if extra time is needed on your work. Please can you also book your performance recordings as soon as possible with Mrs Meakin and Mr Johnson (if the studio is required).

South of France Concert Band Tour: Music

Please make sure that you are up to date with all your payments for this trip. There will be a meeting for parents soon; date to be confirmed. Please note: If you have not got a passport yet you need to get this organised soon as it takes several weeks to process. You also need to organise your EHIC cards: http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/EHIC/Pages/about-the-ehic.aspx - This webpage will take you to the place that you can apply for your card. IF YOU ALREADY HAVE AN EHIC CARD PLEASE CHECK TO ENSURE THAT THE DATE IS VALID.