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IMPORTANT INFORMATION-PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS GOES HOME

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we work our way towards the end of the spring term I would like to share the following information with you:

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

We are now in the middle of a crucial period for all our students who are preparing for final external examinations in the summer. Controlled assessments, coursework and important revision sessions will all combine to enable learners to reach their "peak" at just the right time from April to June. It is obviously vital that students continue to attend all sessions and that they work positively with us during this crucial time. A lot of information about examination timetables and the revision programme will be published and if you need to ask any questions about it please do not hesitate to contact us here at school. Predictions indicate that current Year 11 may achieve the best set of examination results the school has ever seen. This will only happen if we push hard together all the way to the last examination. **Good Luck!**

Uniform review

You will be aware that we have been reviewing our school uniform and discussions have taken place with parents, student groups, staff and governors. Our proposed uniform for September 2010 will be sent to you before Easter so please ask your son/daughter to show you the letter when it is available.

SPECIALIST PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

AS Art students have entered some of their work in a National Competition. The work can be viewed in the online Under 18 Gallery by visiting www.mymcompetition.com and looking at Pages 5 and 6. Good luck to all students, judging takes place in April. Year 11 Art students are about to embark on their Exam Preparation. They have 4 weeks to complete the necessary work before the examination. The art rooms are open every lunchtime for students to do extra work and receive support from staff. Good luck to all students involved.

STRICTLY GREAT DANCING

We recently hosted a Dance Festival for local Primary Schools, and were delighted to meet an enthusiastic group of year two pupils. As part of their Dance Leadership Course, our year 10 girls led small groups, teaching them a variety of dances. Solo performances from **Amy-Leigh Bennett, Hannah Haynes and Jessica Foulkes** along with a group performance of a "Hairspray" dance, added to the occasion. A special mention to Amy, who choreographed a super "Lion King" dance, and led the whole group of 40! **Well done!**

SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

The School Catering suppliers have informed us of an increase in the price of meals with effect from 1 April. A hot plated meal will now be available at a cost of £2.20.

GOLDEN PERFORMANCE

Two year 7 pupils, **Ryan Padmore** and **Joe Price**, were given Gold Awards from the National Literacy Trust for a WWE Wrestlemania Reading Challenge that we ran here at school. Several year 7 and year 8 pupils entered, as well as pupils from all over the country, and the two boys received their certificates recently. There will be another reading challenge soon, this time called Chris Ryan Operation Read (they are espionage and adventure books). **Congratulations!**



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CITIZENSHIP & PERSONALISED LEARNING

A wide variety of topics have been well covered in recent CPL sessions in school:
School nurse: sex education and STI lessons
Army: the impact the army has on a local and international scale
Road safety officers from Staffordshire county council
Railway safety officer: exploring the dangers and consequences of the railway lines
Fire safety officer: exploring the dangers and consequences of starting fires etc
Solomon trust: the risk and consequences of internet safety and truanting school
Winning minds: workshop about positive body image
Re-solve: workshop based on solvent abuse: the risks/effects and consequences

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Claire Nixon Y11 has been invited to join the Great Britain Water Polo squad at their training camp in Germany at the end of March. This is a tremendous honour and achievement for a busy student who is also preparing for a summer of examinations. **Congratulations and good luck!**

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

Parenting is not an easy job nor does it come with a guide! Every parent wants what is best for their child. The Parent Support Worker is a new post that aims to help you with your worries and concerns. We aim to support you to find your solutions and will offer information about the support you decide is right for and your family. Contact details **Jane Noakes**: Mobile 07773791218 Email Address Jane.noakes@staffordshire.gov.uk
Working hours 8 til 4 Monday to Friday, working all year round not just term time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thur 25 th – Sat 27 th March	7.30	"Calamity Jane" Musical Society production
Wednesday 31 st March	12.30	End of Spring Term
Thur 1 st -Wed 14 th April		EASTER VACATION
Thursday 15th April	8.50	Start of Summer Term
Monday 3rd May		May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 31st May-Fri 4th June		Half Term Break
Monday 7th June	8.50	Return to school
Tue 15 th June		Staff Training Day (School Closed)
Wed 16 th June		Staff Training Day (School Closed)
Wed 30 th June-Sat 3 rd July	7.30	"Little Shop of Horrors" Musical
Thur 8 th July	6.00	New Y7 Parents Evening
Fri 9 th July	7.30	Y11 Prom
Tue 20 th July	2.30	Lower School Presentation afternoon
Fri 23rd July	12.20	End of School Year

Chris Leach
Headteacher