

PARENT BULLETIN

Week Ending: Friday 13th December 2019

Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma:

It is a real pleasure to find out that our Year 11 students have performed in line with our expectations at this stage in their mock exams. I attended our annual Christmas concert performance in which over one hundred students participated. I was particularly pleased with the standard of performances and with the number of Year 7 students involved in the school choir. This is what makes Villiers such a special place because our staff work exceptionally hard to extend these opportunities for our students to expand their talents and students rise to these challenges on a daily basis. Well done to everyone involved.

Most borrowed books prizegiving:



Students who received their prizes pictured with Ms Panesar HoY8

10 students, 12 weeks, 185 books – This week we celebrated our students who borrowed the most books from the Villiers' library over the last 3 months. Huge congratulations to book-lover Asmitha, who borrowed 40 books and received first prize, winning a £10 book token. Well done to everyone who visits the Library.

Year Mock Results Assemblies:

Year 11 pupils had their first mock results issued in a special assembly on Wednesday this week. They had talks from Ms Sharma, Mr Williams, Mr Bhatt and also had Y12 pupils giving them advice on next steps. The theme of the assembly was staying calm, staying focused, and striking the right balance between work and leisure. Y11 pupils should peak in the summer, so it is important for them to relax at the right times and have a routine in order to protect their well-being and maximise their chances of exam success.

With 31 school days to go until the next mock, the pupils are aware of support we will be putting in place for them and have also been encouraged to have a focused dialogue with teachers about what

they have done well, and what to focus on to improve. Pupils and parents can contact tutors in the first instance if they have any specific questions.

Year 11 Employability Workshops & Mock Interviews

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, we held a two day 'Employability Workshop' programme for Year 11 pupils. This was a very positive and productive experience for them in which they had the opportunity to speak to and ask questions from employers and they were given the experience of applying for and attending job interviews. They practised producing good quality CVs and learned about the application and interview process. They also gained knowledge about the labour market and had time to reflect on their recent mock exam results.

Sixth Form Speaker Series:



This week's Sixth Form Guest Speaker was Eva Richards from the 'Wings of Hope Achievement Awards', a charity led by British

students to fundraise for education in the Developing World. Students from Years 11 to 13 form teams, come up with their own fundraising plans, and develop skills like teamwork and leadership. The winners get to travel the world and see the impact of their projects first-hand. Last year two Villiers teams made it to the finals and presented their project at the House of Lords. Please encourage your son / daughter to see Mr Cunningham or Mr Cootes if they want to find out more.

Year 13 History trip to the Emanuel Centre:

Year 13 historians enjoyed a day out to the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster to listen to five top historians speak about their area of expertise; Russian history and to get guidance on writing excellent A level answers. The students came away with many pages of useful notes and found the experience really useful for helping their studies.

Science Club - Heart rate – do you have a finger on the pulse?



At Science Club this week, students took their pulses before and after exercise to see the change in their heart rate. A normal heart rate is between 60 and 100 beats per

minute (bpm), whilst resting. However, it will vary depending on when it is measured and what you were doing immediately before the reading. Over the Christmas holidays, you should aim to do at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity exercise every week to maintain a healthy heart.

Primary Athletics:



Last week we had the pleasure of hosting Year 3 and 4 pupils for a Primary athletics event. There were 13 teams from 12 schools who took part in the event. The Sixth Form sports leaders ran the event extremely well. All the schools had an amazing time and said that they can't wait to come back again.

Uniform:

Please ensure that your child complies with the School's uniform policy which includes no makeup or nail varnish as well as no 'extreme' haircuts i.e. nothing below Grade 2, no patterned haircuts and no large jewellery.

Dates for your diary

19/12/19: End of term – students dismissed at 12:40pm

7/1/20: Spring Term begins (Tuesday): students should arrive for form at 08:30am