

## PARENT BULLETIN

### Week Ending: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

#### **Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma:**

Happy New Year to everyone. It has been a good start to the term and students have settled into their school routines very quickly. Our aim for this term is to ensure that every student participates in at least one activity / club so please encourage your son / daughter to have a closer look at the enrichment opportunities on offer and choose one that they might be interested in.



#### **Year 9 Options Information**

##### **Evening:**

Year 9 students and their parents / carers attended an options information evening this week. This was an opportunity for them to get more information on their GCSE subject options and how each subject could help their future choices in terms of A-Levels, University and career choice. To mark the start of the options process, the Apprenticeship team from Ealing council delivered an assembly on the journey of options, making choices and linking subjects to future career pathways. An informative presentation outlined an introduction to apprenticeships, the benefits of undertaking one and future progression.

##### **UCAS deadlines for 2020 entry:**

A reminder to Year 13 students that applications for all UCAS Undergraduate courses, except those with a 15<sup>th</sup> October deadline, should arrive at UCAS by 18:00 (UK time) on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

##### **School Production: "Brainstorm" (12th/13th February):**

We will be presenting 'Brainstorm', a play exploring the complexity and contradictions of the teen mind, on the evening of the 12th and 13th of February, 2020. This show is

unique, and exciting, because much of it has been written and crafted by our performers themselves. Tickets will be on sale for both dates soon, so keep an eye out on ParentPay for these. Tickets will be £3 for adults and £1 for children. We encourage parents and students to come and support the amazing performers.

##### **Year 11 Parents' Evening:**

Year 11 Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 16th January, from 4:30-7pm. This will be an opportunity to come and meet your child's subject teachers to discuss their recent Mock Exam Results and find out what they need to do to improve before their 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Mock exams, which begin on Monday 24th February. Please make every effort to attend, as this will be the last chance you will have to find out how prepared they are for their future.



##### **Road Safety:**

The roads around the school become very congested at the end of the school day especially as we have over 1,000 young people trying to make their way home at the same time. Please be mindful of the safety of everyone and park away from Boyd Avenue. There

have been a number of near misses recently and the safety of all our young people is of the utmost importance.

##### **Punctuality / Attendance:**

Please discuss with your son / daughter the importance of arriving at school in plenty of time so that they are in Form by 08:30. Poor punctuality has a negative effect on learning. Good punctuality is also a very important life skill, which must be learned at school. Please also remember, if they are absent from school, you should call the school office and let them know they are absent and the reason for their absence.

##### **Dates for your diary**

**13/1/20:** Year 10 immunisations  
**14/1/20:** Year 10 Photography trip to Wallace collection  
**15/1/20:** Sixth Form Speaker Series  
**16/1/20:** November GCSE Results Day 8:30am in the Canteen  
**16/1/20:** Year 11 Parents' Evening  
**23/1/20:** Year 12 and Year 13 Parents' evening  
**24/1/20:** Year 7 'Your Life, You Choose'  
**28/1/20:** Year 9 visit to Ealing Synagogue  
**30/1/20:** Sixth Form Open Evening for students wishing to apply for September 2020  
**6/2/20:** Intermediate Maths Challenge  
**6/2/20:** Year 9 Parents Evening  
**11/2/20:** 'Bright Sparks Music' visit – Years 10 and 11  
**12/2/20 and 13/2/20:** Whole School Production