

PARENT BULLETIN

Week Ending: Friday 28th February 2020

Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma:

It was a real pleasure to welcome nearly forty business representatives from all walks of life at our careers conference on Wednesday this week. They were very complimentary of our students and staff. Our Year 8 and Year 10 students had a great opportunity at this fair to attend workshops and gather information about their possible future careers. Please discuss with your child the information they received.

Please note that if you are interested in being a parent governor, then email Carol Gleeson using the email address cgleeson@villiers.ealing.sch.uk to register your interest or telephone the school and we will send you further information. With the recent concerns in the media about the spread of Coronavirus, please see attached guidance issued by the DFE and the local authority for you to read and notify the school if you have travelled recently to the infected areas.



Science Club - Leonardo Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man:

During the Renaissance, Italian scientist Vitruvius determined the dimensions of an ideal human body. Villiers' budding scientists measured their height and their arm span to determine their dimensions. The Vitruvian man as shown by the Renaissance artist Leonardo da Vinci represents the perfect proportions of a human being. The young scientists enjoyed carrying out measurements to verify Vitruvius' measurements for an ideal body. Science club N21 Thursday lunchtime.

World Book Day:

Week commencing Monday 2nd March sees the return of 'World Book Day' and we have a full week of activities for students, which include the opportunity to swap a book for a brand new one completely free in the library after school all week, creative writing workshops and a treasure hunt. We are also launching our read-a-thon, where students can collect booklets from the library or their English teacher. On World Book Day itself, students should keep an eye out for some of their favourite book characters.

Please encourage your child to get involved and talk to them about the importance of reading.



Careers Conference:

We had our 4th Annual Careers Conference on Wednesday this week. The event was primarily for Years 8, 10 and 6th form students. Students had the opportunity to speak with a range of national organisations and gained a better understanding of the world of work, job roles and what these careers entailed. It was a very successful event and was attended by almost 40 big employers. Students also got to attend workshops on topics including Medicine, Dentistry, Microbiology, Fitness and Sport, Team building, Construction, Work experience, post 14 options and many more. The feedback has been fantastic from students and their networking skills have allowed some students to sign up for work experience programmes.

Year 11 and Year 13 mock exams:

Year 11 and Year 13 students began their Mock 2 exams this week and these will continue next week. The exam timetables are available on

our website:

<https://www.villiers.ealing.sch.uk/our-students/our-examinations-and-result-day> at the bottom of the page under 'Exam Information'.

Year 8 Parents' Evening:

A reminder to all parents and carers of Year 8 pupils that Year 8 parents' evening takes place on **Thursday 5th March from 4:30pm – 7:00pm**. We encourage all parents and carers to attend this very important meeting to discuss your child's progress and discuss any concerns or issues.

Year 11 and Year 13 exams:

Examination preparation tips – 'Focus Time'

Research has shown that teenagers can generally only focus for a period of 20-25 minutes. For boys, it is more like 15-20 minutes. This means that studying and revision poses a challenge, especially when there is a lot to cover. A potential solution is to break revision sessions down into small chunks and break revision up with breaks. For example, if revising chemistry for one-hour they should do 25 minutes of reading, have a 5-minute break and do 25 minutes of exam questions. Varying the activity type and/or topic covered means your child is focused for longer.

Year 9 options interviews:

Year 9 options interviews are ongoing for pupils who will have slots allocated. Please encourage your child to attend these and

speak to them about the outcomes of these discussions. We intend to confirm options choices during the summer term.

Year 11 interviews:

All Year 11 pupils will be interviewed after the mock exams finish. This will allow us to guide pupils about option choices for Villiers Sixth Form and support them with applications for College courses. There is no need for current Year 11 Villiers students to complete a Villiers Sixth Form application form. The application form is for external applicants only.

Easter Revision Classes:

A number of subjects will be running revision sessions between Saturday 4th April to Saturday 11th April 2020 for Year 11 and Year 13 pupils. We will send out further details closer to the time but please do consider the importance of attendance to these sessions for pupils when booking holidays.

Parent Governor Vacancy:

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the School's Governing Board. The Governing Board is made up of 15 Governors, 2 of whom are Parents. As a Parent Governor, elected by your fellow parents, your role would be to bring a parental perspective to our decision making rather than to represent the parental community. The Governing Body meets in the evenings twice per term, normally on a Thursday, starting at 5PM with a 30-minute training update. Additionally, Governors are encouraged to visit the school periodically and observe policy in action either in the classroom, the playground or in and around the school generally. The most important thing a Governor can do is to give freely of their time, and to be active and engage with the life of the school. Anyone who is the parent* of a pupil registered at the school is eligible to stand for election as a Parent Governor, unless they are either an elected member of the Local Authority or

they are paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any consecutive twelve-month period. Parents of pupils registered at the school may either nominate themselves or propose another parent for the election. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, or you would like to propose another parent, please contact the Headteacher's PA: Carol Gleeson, Telephone: 020 8813 8001 ext. 206 or e-mail cgleeson@villiers.ealing.sch.uk who will send you the necessary form for completion. In the event of more than one nomination being received we will hold an election in which all parents or carers can vote. Deadline for receipt of applications is Friday 20th March. *The education Act 1996 extends the definition of "parent" to include others who have "parental responsibility" for, or care of, a child or young person.

Dates for your diary

3/3/20 – 5/3/20: Year 10 Art trip to Wallace Collection (3 days)

5/3/20: Year 8 Parents' Evening

6/3/20: Year 7 Science workshop

6/3/20: French play trip Years 9 & 10

12/3/20: Multicultural Evening



Public Health England

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Date: 25th February 2020

Dear Headteacher,

Re: COVID-19 Advice for schools and educational settings

You may be aware that advice for travellers from affected areas has recently changed and it has come to our attention that this may affect children and staff returning from school trips. Please be aware that this is a fast evolving situation and we will continue to share any new advice at the earliest opportunity.

As of today (25th February) advice for returning travellers is as follows;

1) If you have returned from the following areas **since February 19**, call NHS111 to inform them of your recent travel, stay indoors and avoid contact with other people **even if you do not have symptoms**:

- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy* as designated by the Government of Italy
- Daegu or Cheongdo, Republic of Korea)
- Hubei province, China (returned in the past 14 days)

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2) If you have returned from the following areas since **February 19th** and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS111. **You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.**

- Northern Italy (see [map](#))
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

3) If you have returned to the UK from any of the following areas **in the last 14 days** and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately stay indoors and avoid contact with other people, call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

- Other parts of China outside Hubei province
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

Further guidance for educational settings has been published at the following links and will be updated as soon as possible with the above advice and any further changes: :

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Information for the public: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Yours sincerely

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Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



**After breaks
& sport
activities**



**Before
cooking
& eating**



**On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting**



**After using
the toilet**



**Before
leaving
home**



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share
items such as bedding,
dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

