

PARENT BULLETIN

Week Ending: Friday 13th March 2020

Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma:

We are continuing to monitor the situation around the spread of COVID-19 and following the DFE guidance. Please report to the school immediately if you or any members of your immediate and close family have travelled from abroad, in particular, from any of the affected areas or if you have been placed in isolation or tested positive with the virus. If we are instructed to close the school, then we will be making sure that there is enough learning materials for your children to continue their studies at home. Our staff will be able to set work either via Google classroom or via other online platforms and packs of work will also be provided to your children. In the event of school closure, please ensure that your child follows the normal school timetable and completes the work set by their teachers for each subject every day. In addition, they should have a reading book that they should continue with during their time at home. Please continue to take everyday precautions and preventative actions such as avoiding close contact with people who are sick, washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, or having been in a public place. As COVID-19 is spreading, take extra measures to put distance between yourself and other people to further reduce your risk of being exposed to this virus. Please look out for latest communications from the school via text messages, emails and our website. It was a real pleasure to welcome so many of you at our multicultural evening and well done to all the students who performed. Thank you for all your support for this fantastic event.

British Science Week:



To celebrate British Science Week the Science department and some 6th form students have organised some fascinating experiments during lunch time: brain & lung dissection, Bunsen burner practical and students could view their own cheek cells under a microscope.

Colourful volcanoes and stained glass windows:



Students developed their own stained glass windows by using special filters. Students also modelled the colours of a volcano with 3D models of explosive volcanoes and volcanic eruptions. Students' enthusiasm and engagement was outstanding.

Maths Watch:



Year 7 Maths students pictured with Mrs Dzapasi and Mr Cunningham

Congratulations to our top Year 7 independent Maths learners for their hard work over the last few

months. The students have ranked in the top 10 in the year for completing independent work on our online Mathswatch platform in at least one of the last few months since December and are leading the way in taking responsibility for their own work outside the classroom. We know it will pay dividends in the future. Well done to everyone for their hard work and perseverance.

Year 11 and Year 13 exam preparation tips – 'Focus Time'

Ability to focus generally diminishes over the course of the day. In order to maximise the progress made, try to complete extended writing tasks and review more challenging topics earlier in the day. For the latter part of the day, recall or brainstorming of ideas is likely to be more productive. Pupils should try this out and see the impact it has for them. Please do encourage them to have a go.

Year 9 options interviews:

These are ongoing for pupils who will have slots allocated. We intend to confirm options choices during the summer term.

Year 11 interviews:

All pupils will be interviewed and the process begins this week. This will allow us to guide pupils about option choices for Villiers Sixth Form and support them with applications to courses at colleges. There is no need to complete a Villiers Sixth Form application form for current Y11 pupils. The application form is for external applicants.

Easter revision classes:

Some subjects will be running revision sessions between Saturday 4th April to Saturday 11th April 2020 for Y11 and Y13 pupils. We will send our further details closer to the time but please do consider the importance of attendance to these sessions for pupils when booking holidays.

Dates for your diary

18/3/20: Y12 Geography students trip to Emmanuel Hall

19/3/20: Eco Day