

PARENT BULLETIN

Week Ending: Friday 20th November 2020

Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma:

I am pleased to say that preparations for mock examinations in January with Year 11 and Year 13 are now well under way. We have started this process early in order for students to get used to some of the exam techniques, standard of questions, timing of papers etc. The teachers in every subject will be conducting “walking, talking mocks” which as the words suggest is the process of guiding students through an examination paper, question by question and interacting with the marking schemes. This technique has worked extremely well in the past and develops students’ confidence as well as reducing the fear of sitting an examination. Please ensure that your child brings a facial covering to school each day and note that it is mandatory for them to wear it in the corridors, canteen and other crowded places where they may be lining up. If your child is exempt from wearing a facial covering, then please write a note in their diary and the school office will issue a Green Card for them to carry with them.

Please note that the school will finish for students on Thursday 17th Dec. at 12:30pm and 18th Dec. is an Inset day for staff.

Eco Day Photography Competition:



Nithush in 9H won the “Eco Day” photography competition with his image based on food miles. Nithush was inspired by the photographer David Gilliver and used toys, paper and food to create his own photograph. Well done to all the entrants.

Eckhart Tolle Foundation:



Through the Foundation's book donation programme, we are delighted to have received a donation of over 200 books which will be added to our lending library. The Foundation was set up to provide well-being support for young people.

Year 11 and Year 13 Focus Groups:

These are now up and running for pupils in order for them to have extra support to catch up to complement learning in the lessons. Please continue to encourage your child to attend the scheduled focus groups. The attendance so far has been very good, so we would ask that you encourage your child to continue with this.

Year 11 and Year 13 Saturday revision classes:

The school has organised special smaller group support for many Year 11 and Year 13 pupils during the weekends this half term. These sessions will run **from Saturday 21st November to Saturday 12th December 2020**. If your child has been selected to attend by their

teacher, please do support by ensuring they attend on time. Letters will have been handed out with a bespoke schedule containing details of timings.

Year 7 Flu vaccination forms:

Thank you to all of those Year 7 parents and carers who have returned their flu vaccination forms. If you haven't already done so, please return your child's form by Monday 23rd November.

Poetry Competition:

Miss Woolfe in the English department recently ran a poetry competition for Year 7 to 10 students who submitted entries based on COVID – 19 and Lockdown. Over the coming weeks we will be publishing a selection of these poems in the bulletin, which are a celebration of our students' creativity and highlight their talent.

Under the MASK!

Under the mask
No one can see my sadness
No one can see my happiness
Mumbling my words no one can hear me

I know it's there to protect me
But really it just suffocates me.

Abira - Year 7

Social Workers in Schools **(SWIS) project:**

We are delighted to inform you that Villiers High School has been selected to take part in a pilot project which has been funded by the Department for Education.

The project involves working with the London Borough of Ealing to review the possible benefits of placing a Social Worker in the school, for students, families and teachers.

The Social Worker, whose name is Jacque Prince, will be based on site and will be involved in working with the school staff to actively promote and support social and emotional wellbeing for students and families.

The social worker will be around for informal chats, open to all students and also to parents/carers.

They will also be involved in more structured work and support. If your child or family is offered support you will be contacted directly by the social worker. This support may be provided through interventions such as one to one sessions and family.

We hope you welcome this addition to our faculty.

Assessing the positive benefits of a social worker in schools

The project will run until July 2021 and will be assessed and monitored by the University of Cardiff to determine if there are any positive benefits for students and families in having a Social Worker in the school.

If positive outcomes are identified, there is possibility that the Department for Education will fund a Social worker position for schools across England.

As part of their research, the University of Cardiff may want to speak with students and families engaged in some of the Social Workers activities. You may be asked if you would like to participate in giving your views. The school and Ealing Children's social care will ensure you are notified well in advance.

Should you have any queries or questions about this letter please feel free to contact Villiers High School.

Parking safely:

Please can any parents /carers collecting their child at the end of the day, refrain from parking close to the school gates as it causes congestion and at times, becomes unsafe. Also, please refrain from parking on the double yellow lines.

Asthmatic students:

A reminder to any parent / carer whose child is asthmatic: please ensure they have their inhalers with them at all times and they are in date. Please also ensure that you provide a spare inhaler to the Welfare Officer. You can contact the Welfare Officer, Ms Rehman if you have further questions on:

SRehman@villiers.ealing.sch.uk

Parental Concerns:

If you have any concerns or issues regarding your child, please contact your Head of Year / Deputy Head of Year in the first instance to raise these concerns. They are:

HoY 11 Mr Singh

DHoY11	Miss Farah
HoY10	Miss Lallian
DHoY10	Mr Jones
HoY9	Miss Panesar
DHoY9	Mr Wilson
HoY8	Mr Williams
DHoY8	Ms Toor
HoY7	Mr Nandi
DHoY7	Ms Forsey
HoY 12	Mr Cunningham
HoY13	Mr Sekhon

Reporting Absences:

If your child will be absent from school, please let us know either by phoning the school number or sending an email. If you know that the absence will be for more than one day, please let us know the expected length of absence when you contact us. If the absence is only known on a day to day basis, please contact us at the start of each day of absence. Please call the attendance officer on 020 8867 9077 and you will be able to leave a voicemail message to let us know that your child will be absent from school.

Alternatively, you can send an email to Studentabsence@villiers.ealing.sch.uk. Please include your child's name, their year group and, if possible, their tutor group. **Please ensure this is done by 8am each day**