

Friday 19th January 2018

dates for your diary

THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY

Options Afternoon for Parents of Year 9

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY

Staff INSET (In Service Training) Day

MONDAY 15TH – TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY

Year 11 Mock Exams

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Parents' Afternoon for Year 11 Pupils

POINTs Assembly

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

Last Day of Half Term

12:30 – PGL French Trip

Q&A Session – The Chapel - All welcome.

1pm – 2:10pm Family Forum – The Chapel
(please sign in at the front office)

12TH – 17TH FEBRUARY Inclusive

HALF-TERM

MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

First Day Back After Half-Term

THURSDAY 1st MARCH

World Book Day

FRIDAY 9TH MARCH

Staff INSET (In Service Training) Day

THURSDAY 29TH MARCH

Easter Service

Easter Fayre

1pm – 2.10pm Family Forum (please sign in
at front office)

Last Day of Term

30TH MARCH – 13th APRIL Inclusive

EASTER HOLIDAYS

The use of portable speakers in school has increased following Christmas. I request that families do not allow pupils and students to bring them in to school for use during the school day. Pupils and students have no need to bring in technology of this nature. If music is beneficial to your child, the school's recommendation is headphones for use with personal electronic devices in line with the school's procedures. Pupils and students may also be granted permission to use their headphones at the discretion of the class teacher/activity leader if appropriate to the task and the individual's needs.

If your child accesses the residential provision, the use of a portable speaker is permitted during this time. Pupils and students must hand their speaker in with the rest of their belongings on arrival in the morning to staff on the residential area. It will then be given back to them for use on the residential area during the evenings.

As is the case with other personal electronic devices, misuse may result in loss/downgrading of privileges for the use of technology and/or confiscation of the device.

V Perry
Head of Education



PGL Parents' Q&A Session

There will be a Question & Answer session on the PGL French Trip for all parents and carers. This will be for 30 minutes before the Family Forum on the last day of term at 12:30pm on Friday 9th February. This will take place in the Chapel. Please sign in at the front office as per usual.

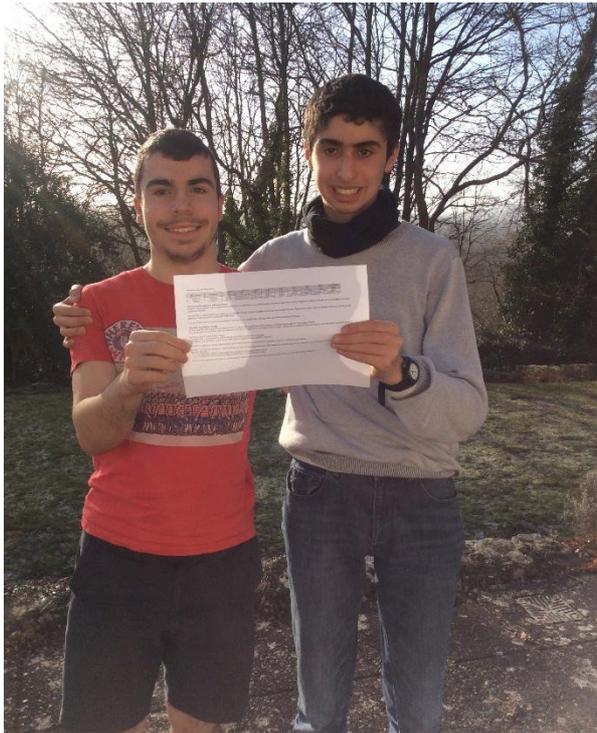


We are doing a 'Welcome to Phoenix House' mosaic with the pupils and students in Residential. We are in need of any old wall tiles - in particular, we are looking for red, yellow, orange and blue. Any donations will be gratefully received.

Becky Deans | Residential Area Leader - Phoenix House



St Dominic's has been the best place for our son.



Congratulations!

I would like to say a massive well done to Navid Labbani and Russell Cooper for amazing exam results.

Both students re-took a VCert Food Technology course in November and passed with a Distinction and Merit respectively.

Congratulations to you both and well done for all your hard work and revision!

Danielle Gilmour
Sixth Form Teacher

Residential

On Monday evenings, pupils and students have the opportunity to attend an evening session (6.30pm – 7.30pm) of horse riding at Cranleigh RDA (Riding for the Disabled Association group).

It offers therapeutic riding to people with special needs to benefit their health and wellbeing, to achieve their goals and to have fun! The experience gained through riding and contact with the horses and the volunteers helps develop self-esteem, confidence and independence.

Recently, they had a £560,000 refurbishment and opened their new building for use in Dec 17. All the funds are gained by fundraising and donations. They have 9 ponies with names such as Sunny and Kestrel and there is a limit to the weight of 12 stones for prospective pupils and students that would like to attend. Parents have to provide a fee for their children to ride there too.





We appreciate the challenge posed to families in selecting suitable computer games for your child and managing their access to web-based media. We would like to offer families information and support on age appropriate content which we feel may be helpful.

The website <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews> has been set up as a simple and straightforward tool that parents can use to check the content of a game their child is playing or considering purchasing.

Each game is reviewed by their team highlighting any concerning content that may be part of a game. Their mission statement:

“Common Sense is the leading independent non-profit organisation dedicated to helping kids thrive in a world of media and technology. We empower parents, teachers, and policymakers by providing unbiased information, trusted advice, and innovative tools to help them harness the power of media and technology as a positive force in all kids’ lives.”

The organisation review and rate games as well as movies, TV programs, YouTube channels, books, games, apps and websites. They have a database of 35,000 titles with extensive search and filtering capabilities. The school will always be happy to help parents decide on the suitability of digital content.

Menu for week beginning Monday 22nd January 2018

MENU	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST					
MORNING SNACK	Rock cakes	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Flapjacks	
LUNCH	Chicken & Pepper Pilaf Vegetable Chilli Jacket Potato Cauliflower Cheese Peas Fresh Salad Bar Egg Mayo	Beef Stew & Dumplings Vegetables & Cheddar Risotto New Potatoes Jacket Potato Broccoli Spinach Fresh Salad Bar Sliced Ham	Chicken Thigh with Cream Cheese & Chive Sauce Pasta, Tomato, Basil au Gratin Roast Potatoes Jacket Potato Red Cabbage Mixed Vegetables Fresh Salad Bar Tuna & Red Onion Mayo	Sausages & Onions Quorn Sausages & Onions Mashed Potatoes Jacket Potato Roasted Butternut Squash Green Beans Fresh Salad Bar Coronation Chicken	I N S E T D A Y
DESSERT	Peach Crumble & Custard Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt	Syrup Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit Basket Yogurt	Pear Flan & Cream Fresh Fruit Basket Yogurt	Rice Pudding & Jam Sauce Fresh Fruit Basket Yogurt	
AFTERNOON SNACK	Cherry Shortbread	Sausage rolls	Hot Melted Cheese Roll		
SUPPER	Chilli Beef Jacket Potato & Coleslaw	Pizza Wedge Potatoes	Lamb Curry Rice Naan Bread		

Cook's Corner

We had a fantastic NLC cooking lesson with Tom Devon, Louis Nunn and Angus Mitchell.

Inspired by Tom, we made Mars Bar Rice Crispy Cakes. Louis and Angus did a fantastic job helping to tidy up and Tom even shared some of his cake with his classmates!

