



## The Weekly Word

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### A note from the Principal

It is always a pleasure to read emails from colleagues describing how wonderful our students have been in and out of school. Today was no exception. Week after week I get updates from Mrs Smith-Childs about our sports leaders and their support of events we hold on the campus. We have some truly talented students who provide younger students from around the town with some amazing opportunities to develop their sporting prowess. It is also wonderful to see students as they develop confidence as they get older. On Tuesday afternoon I had the privilege of judging the Year 12 AEP regional finals with a host of representatives from industry. To stand up in front of large audience of your peers and adult guests is a daunting experience. However, the three groups who competed for the chance to represent the campus in the Trust national finals next week in London, presented with a degree of confidence that has grown hugely over the last few weeks since they entered the sixth form. Communication skills and creativity are now hailed as two of the most important characteristics that future employers are looking for. The judges were thrilled to see all three groups demonstrate these skills and, as our students know, being able to impress at interview is so much easier if you can talk from experience about activities where you have honed your employability skills. No one else in Banbury provides such a rich opportunity to work over a period of time with major employers from the town. I look forward to welcoming the winning team back to the campus next week with the trophy firmly in our hands.



[Link to calendar](#)



**ATTENDANCE  
REWARD TRIP**  
Jump In Trampoline Park Leamington  
Spa/Warwick

**jump in**  
TRAMPOLINE PARKS

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

- 96%+ attendance from September 2017
- OR 100% attendance from 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Mentors have given out letters –  
see your mentor if you still need a  
letter!**

Limited places.  
First come, first served!



### 6th Form Parents Coffee Morning

All parents /carers are warmly invited to join us for Parents Coffee Morning on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 10.15-11 am. Mince pies will be provided!

This is a great opportunity to meet senior members of staff in an informal setting and discuss all things school related.

Please let the school office know if you would like to attend so that we have an idea of numbers.

Look forward to seeing you then!

C.Berry (Assistant Principal)

# Geography PPE



## Revision



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - 11BA - 3:15-4:30

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December - 11 BA & SSB - 3:15 - 4:30

Held in H3 (Stanbridge). Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Get ready to ace those PPE's

## Y7s Community project on recycling

*"When we were there we learnt how to recycle and how to use things that we thought were useless. We saw and were told how much work and time is needed to keep the planet safe and clean."*

**Daria-Elena Y7**



## Cherwell Democracy Challenge

*"On the 17<sup>th</sup> of November four ambitious Sixth form students took part in the Cherwell Democracy Challenge organised by Victoria Prentis MP for the Parliament week this year. The debates consisted of whether social media hate crimes should be illegal and the NHS and the future for privatisation. We were against a variety of schools from our local area and participated in heated, linguistic, debating battles for and against the causes presented to us. Even though we won both our debates, we didn't score enough to participate in the finals; consisting of the debate whether university fees should be paid by the government or not.*

*The day was full of adrenaline and excitement as well as meeting new people and talking to the well informed judges: journalist, ex-head teacher, police detective, district council representatives and others. We learnt some new and invaluable skills that will have given us more self confidence in public speaking and introduced us to the world of politics."* **Maya Y13**



**Rebecca, Warveen, Victoria Prentis MP, Maya and Ansah**





## Careers Advice: Break into Tech

The Guardian, supported by PwC, have released the 2017 edition of their “Break into Tech” articles. This year’s edition includes articles on cybersecurity, how to switch from literature to programming, and the popularity of the renewable energy industry. [Break into Tech](#)

## Maths Drop in

For Who?

All year groups

Where?

Meet in M2 (Miss Reddan’s classroom)

When?

Every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.05pm

*“Next Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November after school and before Parents evening we shall be coming round to sell tickets and collect donations for Crohn’s and Colitis Uk. Tickets £1”*

Chloe, Jordan, Georgia and Tia

*Reminder!*

**Year 10 Parents Evening:**

**Thursday 30 November 4:00pm – 6:30pm**

**Venue: Stanbridge**

Banbury Aspirations Campus  
Ruskin road

# Christmas Bingo & Raffle

FRIDAY 1st DEC.  
Doors open 6pm

£5.00 book of six  
£1.00 a book

PTFA Fundraiser with  
• Refreshments  
• Great prizes to be won

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