



The Weekly Word

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A note from the Principal

This morning as I drove into work I listened to a news report on the increase in violent crime involving the use of knives and reflected on the sad and unnecessary deaths of eight people in the capital this week alone. Unfortunately, knife crime is not restricted to our larger towns and cities but is a reality nationwide. I have been working with local agencies including the police and other secondary schools in our town, looking at the dangers our young people face and the various strands of work we can do to combat an ever increasing problem.



Along with NOA we have agreed that one of the proactive steps we will take in both of our schools is to work directly with the police who will at some point next term be bringing both the knife arch (a walk through metal detector) and possibly drugs dogs onto campus to demonstrate that we do not have a problem within our school gates, even though there are serious issues out in the communities we serve. At the moment we are in the planning stage of the initiative and we will let you know more when we have firmed up our ideas with the police team that are working in Banbury. We know that we will have your total support for this decision as the safety of all in our school community is paramount. We are also looking to create an educational package to give our students more information so that they can make better life choices.

[Link to calendar](#)

We would also like to flag up to parents, particularly as the two week holiday approaches, that we will be reinforcing our high standards for equipment and uniform in the first week we come back for the summer term. We are keen to ensure that every student in the school has an appropriate scientific calculator for maths. Currently we have less than 10 left at the reduced price of £5. These can be purchased from the library at any point next week. Can we also stress the importance of having a ruler with clear markings as well as a protractor. All equipment can be purchased from the library at a cost lower than the price in the shops because we can order in bulk.

Banbury Food Bank



URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

- TINNED FRUIT (400GMS)
- TEA BAGS (80'S)
- DRIED PASTA (500GMS)
- UHT MILK (1 LITRE)
- BREAKFAST CEREALS

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

- BEANS
- SUGAR

Gypsy, year 8, has organised a collection for the Banbury Foodbank.

Please bring suitable donations to Stanbridge by next Thursday.

Reminder!

Thursday 29 March is the last day of term. Students break up at the usual time of 3.05.

School begins again on Monday 16 April.

Construction careers event

Students from Space Studio and Banbury Academy had the opportunity to discover the many career paths available in the construction industry during a student-organised apprenticeship fair. The construction careers event was organised by eight Year 12 students as part of their Aspirations Employability Portfolio (AEP). They worked with the Apprenticeship and Training Company Ltd to bring a selection of construction related employers to the school to provide advice and hands on experiences.

The event also set out to highlight the subjects that are both needed and relevant to various construction jobs and pathways into their chosen construction career.



Year 7 and 8 had a fantastic time at the RAF roadshow on Wednesday. They were treated to a performance of flying drones, model engines and VR!

CONCERN
worldwide



Date: Tuesday 27th March

Time: Period 2

Who: Year 7

Cost: 50p



Maximum groups of 4



Prizes are included!



**Sign up and pay with Miss White
in the library**

Sixth Form applications

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Online sQuid shop

Here you will be able to purchase a range of items including revision guides and school ties and stationery so there's no need to bring cash or cheques into school - simply select the items you want to buy and then pay securely online with sQuid.

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<http://banbury.squid-shop.co.uk>

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