



A note from the Principal

Mental health issues for young people are making headlines again in the press possibly because of the time of year. Exam stress should not be underestimated for any young person no matter how resilient they might seem to be on the surface. We do all we can to support children through this most difficult of times when they are taking external exams in year 11, 12 and 13. We also know that it is a stressful time for the families of students who are taking GCSEs or A levels, especially if this is the first time a child in the family home has gone through the process. Please do not hesitate to give us a call if you need any guidance or support too.



As we enter a warmer period in the year it is also important that young people look after themselves in the heat of the day. We encourage children to bring bottles of water which they can fill before school, at breaktime and lunchtime from the water fountains available around school. We will continue to confiscate and dispose of energy type drinks and any drink in a can as I have previously mentioned.

[Link to calendar](#)

Banbury Young Homelessness Project

Our year 7s have been organising several events (such as a cake sale) to support BYHP, Banbury Young Homelessness Project, as part of their community project. The reps from the charity were invited and held an assembly last week with our 6th form. They were touched by the letters received by the pupils and by their fundraising support.



LTA Tennis Leadership Training

17 Year 10 students completed LTA Tennis Leadership Training on 19th April to prepare them for the Banbury Area Mini Red Tennis Festival 26th April. The training was run by professional tennis coach, Sam Burke. All the leaders did a fantastic job on the day of the festival, running skills and drills sessions and umpiring 80 games between them. Hanwell Fields were the eventual winners of the competition with The Grange coming in second place and Hillview and St. Johns tying in third. As a result of their performance at the festival, NOSSP School Games Officer Emma Jackson, has invited the leaders to umpire at Y3/4 and Y5/6 Partnership Finals in May and June. Well done leaders!



HPV Vaccination Session 19th May 2018

Year 8 girls will be having an assembly during mentor time on Friday the 11th May in the large lecture theatre about the upcoming HPV vaccination. This will be an opportunity for them to hear about the vaccine, learn some relaxation techniques for the session and ask any questions they may have. The vaccination will protect students who complete the course of two vaccines, against the 5 main types of Human Papilloma Virus which can lead to cervical cancer.

Consent forms and information leaflets came home with the girls on Friday 4th May, and should be returned no later than Friday 11th May. Consent forms can be handed to tutors, main reception, student services or the school nurse directly.

If you have any questions about this vaccine please contact the school nurse Sarah Elsley on 07824461634.

[Link to NHS health leaflet](#)



Come to the Parents Presentation
Wednesday 9th May
Meet in Wykham Theatre for 6:30pm



Reminder!

Students should bring a water bottle to school. These can be filled at the drinking fountains during break-times; we do not have enough disposable cups for every student.

NASA applicants at Hanwell Fields



Ryan, Josh,
Daniel, Pawan,
Rosa

On Friday last week the NASA applicants went to Hanwell Fields primary school science fair.

Our students helped the school children make and fly rockets, as well as running a NASA stall to inspire young minds.



Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Last week 18 pupils returned to school after two days of walking and two nights of camping, successfully completing their Silver DofE practice expedition.

Students really did do well and showed great determination to succeed in some very testing conditions.

Well done to: GEORGIA, MARY, ELIZABETH, SERENA, ADDSON, GINA, OLLIE, HOLLIE, CHARLOTTE, CAMERON, JASMINE, CHLOE, HOLLIE, RILEY, HARRY, ELLIOTT, AIMEE and LAURYN



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