



# FRIDAY REVIEW

Friday 12th December 2008

## Ofsted Report

This week we had an Ofsted subject inspection for English. The inspector was very impressed with the work of the department and rated it 'Good'. Although the official publication will not be available until January the draft report said "There is a clear sense of direction for English, a good understanding of strengths and weaknesses, strong teamwork and resolute commitment to improvement." The inspector was particularly impressed with our pupils who she said were very articulate about what they thought was good and what could be improved. Our congratulations go to all involved.

## Senior Citizens

On Thursday the school hosted a senior citizens Christmas party for nearly fifty local residents. Year 10 pupils prepared some delicious food and a number of other pupils served at tables. Music was provided by a mixture of staff and pupils and a good time was had by all. Many of our visitors commented on how great the school looks with its new facilities.

## Lunchtimes

A reminder that after Christmas pupils must not leave the school site at lunchtime. This week I have witnessed further problems at lunchtime when pupils are off site and I know local residents have complained about our pupils' behaviour when they are off site. If pupils do not want to use our superb restaurant facilities then they can bring a packed lunch.

## End of Term/Start New Term

On Friday 19th December pupils will leave school at 12.35 pm. The first day of the Spring Term will be Tuesday 6th January 2009 and pupils are expected to be in school ready for the start of registration at 8.40 am.

## Knife Crime

Today we had Thames Valley Police and The New Destiny Trust deliver some hard hitting messages to pupils about the dangers of using knives or threatening to use knives. Thames Valley Police is one of ten police forces being monitored regarding this issue and the strategies they have adopted, such as the presentations today, have resulted in a significant reduction in knife crime. Any pupils found to be involved in knife related incidents will be dealt with very severely.

## Yr 10 & Yr 11 Science Exams

On Monday pupils will be having exams that contribute towards their final GCSE grade. If your son or daughter is involved in these please help them to prepare over the weekend.

## Yr 11 Coursework Completion

Next Thursday any Year 11 pupils who have not completed coursework that should have already been handed in will be taken off timetable in order to complete it. Please encourage your son or daughter to complete any outstanding coursework.

## Uniform

The vast majority of pupils are looking very good in their uniform. Please ensure that pupils

arrive to school on the 6th January in full school uniform and any festive haircuts have grown sufficiently so that no patterns can be seen and the hair is no. 2 or longer.

## Sixth Form

This week Year 11 have been introduced to a wide range of courses that we will be offering in our new sixth form. These include A levels, BTEC and GCSE courses. We expect all Year 11 to stay on as we can meet the needs of every pupil and as Ofsted said earlier this year 'they receive outstanding care.'

On Thursday 15th January we shall be having an Open Evening for prospective sixth-formers and parents. There will be an introduction at 6 pm and then a chance to see our sixth form facilities and to speak to subject teachers and sixth form tutors.

## Badminton

The Slough & Eton Badminton team participated in their first tournament of the season at Herschel Grammar School. They played well but our senior team lost their matches. Our junior boys beat Langley Academy 3-2 but lost two other matches.

## PE Uniform

A number of students are arriving to P E without their P E uniform on a regular basis. It is essential that all students are equipped with their P E kit and this consists of blue athletic trousers/shorts, a white collar polo shirt, trainers and a blue sweatshirt (no hoods). Although there is spare equipment that the P E department can provide, this should only

be used when a student has forgotten his/her kit. The PE department will be sending letters home in the New Year to students who are not meeting the P E department's standards of dress. Parents/carers are responsible for providing their child with the correct kit and we hope to see every child in their own kit in the New Year.

## Seasons Restaurant

On the back of this Friday Review is next week's menu to give you an idea about the sort of food we serve in our restaurant.

We would value your comments on any of the items in the Friday Review.

Please email to  
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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

19th December: End of Term

Tuesday 6th January 2009:  
Start of Spring Term for pupils

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