



FRIDAY REVIEW

Friday 16th January 2009

Year 11 Sixth Form Choices

Last night we held an information evening for the parents and pupils in Year 11 to help them choose their courses in our Sixth Form. We are offering a full range of A level and BTEC courses that will be able to address the needs of all abilities. The new Sixth Form Centre offers an ideal environment in which to learn.

Year 9 Options

This week pupils in Year 9 have received presentations from curriculum leaders regarding their options for next year. Pupils will be given further advice over the next few weeks before finally making their choices for Key Stage 4. We hope to start their courses during the second half of the summer term.

Careers Fair

On Tuesday of next week we have organised a careers fair to help give pupils ideas about what they might want to do in the future. Seventeen organisations will be presenting information for pupils in Years 9-13.

Year 11 Entrance Results

This morning Year 11 pupils were given the results of their entrance exams. To motivate them we have tried to give them an experience of what it might be like in August when they open their envelopes. We have emphasised that the results do not include coursework which will make a significant difference and that with the right application the final results can be improved by two grades. Overall we feel we are on track for success in the summer.

Results will be sent home to parents today. If any parent has any concern about their child's progress they should contact Mr Hawkins, Head of

Year 11, who will be happy to speak to them.

Lee Pascal

As part of the preparation of Year 11 pupils for their exams in the summer, they had a presentation today from one of the country's leading motivational speakers, Lee Pascal. Focused revision time, staying healthy, eating and sleeping well were just some of the tips offered by Lee.

Jaguar

On Monday 2nd February Year 12 Business students will be visiting the Jaguar plant in the West Midlands. To prepare them for this they had a talk today delivered by a Finance Director for Jaguar. The students found it very interesting to find out the reality of managing a household brand and they are looking forward to their visit.

Furniture

After our £10 million rebuild of parts of the school we have some furniture that is perfectly usable that we need to dispose of. This includes tables and chairs. If you know of a deserving place for any spare furniture please contact our Site Manager, Mike Wheatley and he can show you what is on offer.

Reducing Crime

Thames Valley Police are looking for active community residents to join their Community Crime Fighter scheme. Training and skill development courses are available, so if you are interested please contact Kam Bhatti on 01753 477376.

Work Experience

Year 10 pupils will be going on Work Experience from Monday 29th June until Friday 10th July. If pupils want to arrange their own placement during this time they need to give all details to Mr Murray so that the Education

Business Partnership can carry out health and safety checks.

Uniform

I received a message today from a member of the public who said our pupils look much smarter when they are coming to school but too many have their shirts untucked. Please encourage your son or daughter to tuck their shirts in.

Private Fostering

If you are looking after a child who is not your own for more than 28 days, you may be involved in 'private fostering'. You have a duty to let the council know if you are doing this, so they can check that all children are being looked after properly. If you think this might apply to you, please call Mrs Hockings on the school number to discuss.

Year 8 Geography

Year 8 have been studying ecosystems as part of their Geography lessons. Next Friday Year 8 will receive a visit from Zoolab UK. This company brings in Rainforest animals for pupils to hold and learn about where they come from and how their ecosystem is under threat.

Adult and Community Learning

Adult and Community Learning News - Most classes for adults start next week beginning Monday 19th January. There are still places in the Thursday afternoon class in Manicure and Massage with free creche places for 1-4 year olds. Ring 01753 486 047 to book. If you would prefer an evening class we have places in yoga, keep fit, make up and hair-styling. If you want to gain a qualification why not sign up for a computer course or level 1/level 2 literacy or numeracy (equivalent to GCSE English or Maths).

Year 8 Dental Survey

On 22nd January 50 pre-selected Year 8 pupils will be involved in a dental survey. Parents of children participating have already been notified.

Girls' Football

Congratulations to the Key Stage 3 girls' football team who played in the second round of a five-a-side football tournament. After a tough week last week the girls won all three of their matches, beating Westgate B team 6-0, Baylis Court 3-0 and St Bernards A team 3-2. The whole team played well and we look forward to more success next week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26th January: Yr 12 Work Experience starts
13th February: Yr 11 Sixth Form option choices deadline
24th February: Sixth Form Parents' Evening
5th March: Yr 9 Options Information Evening
12th March: Yr 9 Parents' Evening

We would value your comments on any of the items in the Review. Please email to head.pa@slougheton.com

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