



FRIDAY REVIEW

Friday 19th December 2008

Lunchtimes

A reminder that when we return from the Christmas break we do not want any pupils leaving the school site at lunchtime. This will make it safer for pupils and cut down the amount of litter in Chalvey and the school entrance. If you son or daughter is not going to have a school meal please provide them with a packed lunch.

Year 11 Results

Year 11 pupils took their Entrance Exams at the end of November and staff have been asked not to give out results until the 16th January when pupils will be given the opportunity of finding out what it will be like in August to be given all of their results in one go. In August we want the pupils to be jumping with joy with their results and hopefully that will be the case in January. We have also arranged for a motivational speaker to address the pupils on 16th January.

This week 22 of our Year 11 pupils had the first meeting of a Peer Mentoring Programme that we have set up with Langley Grammar School Sixth Form students. The meetings will take place on a regular basis after school up to the GCSE exams to help raise achievement and give pupils a perspective of sixth form life. Feedback from the initial meeting from both our pupils and Langley's sixth formers was very positive.

Tours

On Thursday I conducted the first of our weekly tours of the school. If you would like a tour please make an appointment via the school reception. Tours take place every Thursday at 9.15 am.

Knife Language

Last week we had presentations from ex offenders about the dangers surrounding knives. I told pupils that part of the problem is the language surrounding knife crime. At one time pupils might have said to each other "I am going to smack you", but now it seems many say "I will stab you". I have warned pupils that if they use language like this I will exclude them from school.

Uniform

During morning assemblies we check that pupils are in the correct uniform. I am delighted to say that 99% of pupils wear all of their uniform. However, some could still look smarter by doing up their ties properly and tucking their shirts in. Please could you encourage your son or daughter to look smart at all times.

Year 9 Options

During week commencing 12th January pupils in Year 9 will have an assembly each day setting out and explaining the courses that will be available for them to choose from in Year 10.

Sixth Form

Year 11 have been told in assemblies about the range of options that could be avail-

able to them in the sixth form. To get an idea of the sorts of courses they would like to do we have issued them with a preference form that should have already been returned. If your son or daughter has not done this please encourage them to do so. We will be holding a parent information evening about the sixth form options on 15th January starting at 6 pm.

Panto

Some members of staff have been rehearsing very hard for the annual Christmas Panto which they presented to the pupils on Thursday. Over 500 pupils enjoyed the show. I do not know of many other schools that do this and it is a clear indication of the great relationship that exists between pupils and staff at this school.

French Trip

On Friday July 3rd, as part of the Activities Week, there will be a day trip to France for pupils in Yrs 7, 8 and 9. A coach will leave school at approximately 7 am and return in the evening. Pupils will experience a French market, visit the site of World War II bunkers and get a chance to practice their French at the largest shopping centre in Europe. The cost of the trip will be £50 in total. If you would like to secure a place on the trip, a non returnable deposit of £30 should be given in at reception for the attention of Mrs Rees, marked "French Trip".

Chalvey Youth Centre

(PWA)

The Youth Centre will be running a number of activities and trips over the Christmas break. Below is a list of times and events:

22 Dec: 12 noon to 6 pm
Drug Awareness Presentation.

Power League

23 Dec: 12 noon to 6 pm
Sex Education Presentation

Go Karting F1

24 Dec: All day event

Arsenal Football Stadium

Tour (Emirates)

26 Dec: 12 noon to 6 pm

Football Coaching

Cricket Coaching

Basketball Coaching

Pool Competition

29 Dec: 12 noon to 6 pm

Local Police Presentation

Stay Safe

Table Tennis Competition

30 Dec: 12 noon to 6 pm

Painting & Decorating

T-Shirt Painting

31 Dec: 12 noon to 6 pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 6th January
2009 at 8.40 am: Start of
Spring Term for pupils

Year 11 into Sixth Form
Open Evening: 15th

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