



23RD FEBRUARY 2018

I hope you and your children enjoyed some time together over the half term break and it has been a pleasure to welcome the students back to school this week.

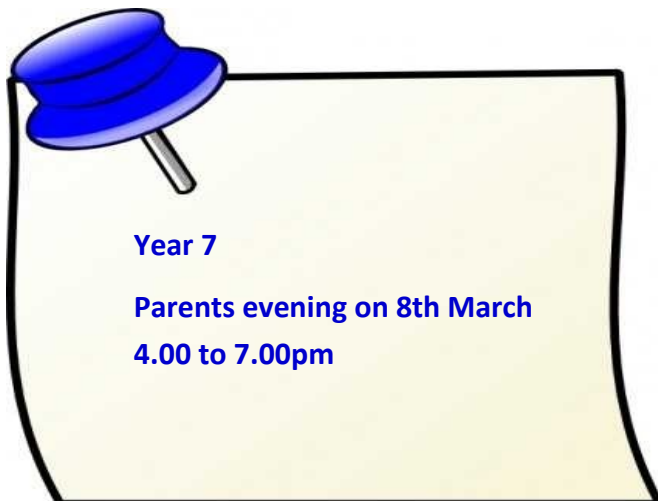
Over the half term holiday we had a number of teachers providing lessons for students in exam classes and a very successful trip to Italy for some Sixth Form Students. Those who went abroad were a credit to themselves, their parents and our school. We also had study rooms open for the first time during the holidays for Year 12 and 13 students to work independently. This was extremely popular and successful and it is something we will be continuing with and looking to widen to other years in the future.

I have been taking Collective Worship sessions this week and talking with students about the importance of working hard to achieve their ambitions, taking risks with the work they do to explore new things and not being worried about getting things wrong as they learn new things.

Many of our students have fantastic ambitions for themselves and we want them to achieve as well as possible and to have successful lives.

We set your children ambitions targets to support this and expect them to work hard, with your support, to achieve them. If you want to know more about the Collective Worship ask them to tell you about the time.....!

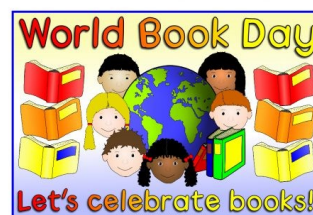
Mr Collins



Year 7

Parents evening on 8th March  
4.00 to 7.00pm

## World Book Day



Thursday 1st March

We are delighted to have the award winning author, Curtis Jobling, visit Slough & Eton to give a talk to our Year 7 & Year 8 students.

## £10 Note

Please note that the old £10 note will cease to be legal tender as of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018, we will be unable to accept them after this date.



## Boys' football fixtures



Tuesday 27th - Year 8 v St. Edward's (a)

Thursday 29th - Year 10 v Churchmead (a)

### Indoor Rowing Championships

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Slough Schools' Indoor Rowing Championships on the last Friday of term.

Our four teams, made up of pupils from Y7 to Y10, showed a lot of commitment and determination, which was great to see. In particular, well done to those who persevered despite telling themselves they couldn't do it before they had even started!

Despite only having had a couple of weeks of training the Y9/10 boys managed to walk away with a **silver** medal which is excellent."



### Maths Challenge

Well done to all Year 9 and 10 students who took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge last term. The results are in, and a huge congratulations go to Ahsan (9 Yellow) who achieved a Silver award, as well as Zeyd (9 Blue)

Mohammed (10 Green), Kaviduni (10 Green), Zain (10 Blue), who all achieved a Bronze award.

There is an upcoming individual competition for Years 7 and 8, and a team competition for Years 8 and 9, so watch this space!

### STEM workshop

On Wednesday Miss Lewis and Mr Cranston took 24 Year 10 students to CA Technologies for a Step into STEM workshop. The students met role models from Volkswagen and 3 who gave them advice on careers in STEM subjects. The students represented the school very proudly, participating in group tasks with students from other schools and asking excellent questions to the companies' representatives.

### Road Safety

It has been reported to us that some children cycling to school are not being respectful to other road users and are riding in and out of cars in a careless manner. This is not only dangerous to the children but can cause alarm to drivers so please remind your son/daughter that for their own safety when cycling they should:

- ◆ be aware of other road users
- ◆ ride sensibly
- ◆ wear high visibility items
- ◆ have working lights on their bicycle
- ◆ wear a cycle helmet

Children that walk into school should be reminded that they need to stop, look all around and listen for traffic before they cross a road, even if this means removing a headset or earpiece!

