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Sandown High School Newsletter



Student School Council

The School Council have been actively discussing issues around school, including;

- **Uniform, which due to the fact Sandown is to become an Academy in two years is unlikely to change.**
- **The door in South Foyer towards History, which needs widening.**
- **The Canteen, and the possibility of music being played as well discussing the vandalism and food fights.**
- **Communications around school, including delayed detention notices.**

The next meeting is about Teaching and Learning, but any other suggestions sent to schoolcouncil@sandownhighschool.com are welcome.

Important information for Year 11 students & parents

Year 11 should be keenly aware of how crucial the **next/this** half term is.

In the first few weeks the focus will be on **coursework and portfolio completion** (see the plan overleaf) first in Option and then Core subjects. Staff are giving up their time to ensure students are supported towards and meet deadlines. We know parents will want to support us in this.

During this time students will have a one to one **Progression Interview** with senior staff to talk through their future plans.

The focus then needs to shift to **Revision**, planning how to allocate and spend time purposefully, with homework and revision tasks focused on maximising marks in the exams.

Blue House

At Blue House assembly on Thursday a cheque for £500 was presented to Heidi Kurowska, the manager of the Isle of Wight Young Carers Project. The money was half of the money raised by a Blue House organised Festive Mufti day at the end of last term. Year 10 young carer, Andy Rea, had suggested to Blue House committee that the project was deserving of support and at the assembly Andy, together with Year 9 student, Dominic Jones, gave a presentation on the work and importance of the Young Carers Scheme.

Details of Easter Revision Classes will be published shortly. **See back page for Maths Revision info**

The dates of the exams do not sit comfortably with the Isle of Wight Festival schedule and it is vital that students recognise that their Maths GCSE, for example, is vital to their future pathways and must take priority. **Missing out on the Festival this year is disappointing; missing out on vital examinations impacts on the rest of your life.** There will be other festivals... Simply being there for the exam is not an acceptable compromise - students need to have revised, eaten and slept well, if they are to perform at their best.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school through Form Tutors and the Year Team if we can be of help.

Year 9 Geography Competition

Build a 3-D map of India

Thank you and congratulations to all students (and parents!) who entered the India competition. We have had some fabulous entries and it was very hard to judge the winners. After much deliberation, we have come to the following decisions:

1st prize – Clarissa Whitewood

2nd Prize – Georgia Sard

3rd Prize – Reanna Barryman and Rosie Watts

Most edible Prize – Charlie Roy

Most artistic Prize – Poppy Cook

Highly commended certificates to – Connor Henderson, Matthew Brocklehurst, Tom Marsden, Natalie Gaches, Paedar Ives, Lucy Wells, Charley Campbell, Charlie Williamson, Charlie Way and Jack Pattinson.

Well done to all and keep up the hard work.

The Geography Department



GETTING IT DONE !

From Feb 22nd – March 3rd, students who are yet to finish their coursework for an option course will be expected to complete it during the afternoon when this course has a Lesson 5, staying on in school until it's finished (up to 5pm with senior staff if necessary).

In other words, we will contact your parents and you will stay in school until it's finally completed.

It is so important to get it done !

Monday 22nd February
Week B

Options 4 :
During the lesson and staying on after :
Art Child Care Classics
Drama Geography PE
Business Religious Studies
Electronics



Tuesday 23rd February
Week B

Options 2 :
During the lesson and staying on after :
French History
ICT PE Outdoor Sports Studies
Food



Wednesday 24th
February Week B

Options 1
During the lesson and staying on after :
Dance Drama French
Geology ICT PE Art
Business Health and Social
Leisure and Tourism Spanish Catering



Tuesday 2nd March
Week A

Options 3 :
During the lesson and staying on after :
Art Geography
ICT Health and Social
Graphics Resistant Materials



Wednesday 3rd March
Week A

Options 5 :
During the lesson and staying on after :
Art Drama History ICT
Music PE Business Religious Studies
Electronics



Parents can expect to be contacted by half term and will receive feedback on attendance and completion.

Getting It Done : Coursework Support in English/ Citizenship will follow 8th- 12th March 2010.

Exams

Future exams and assessment dates: Certificates

The GCSE and GCE exams calendar starts on the 17th May and continues to the 30th June 2010. Holidays should not be taken during this time.

GCSE candidate entry information, including dates of exams, have been distributed to students. GCE entry information will be circulated in March.

Functional Skills Assessments/exams – selected students (confirmation of entry to follow).

ICT: 1st – 5th March and 4th – 7th May
MATHS: 12th May
ENGLISH: 11th May

Summer 09 GCSE /GCE Certificates are ready for collection from the Exams Office in W7. I will be available to see students from 3pm onwards and will limit collection to this time only.

If you know of any ex-students who require their certificates please ask them to e-mail the school on info@sandownhighschool.com. I have certificates in the office dating back to the mid 90's.

I will require the following information:

Full Name, Date of Birth, Candidate Number (if known), Year exams taken and a contact telephone number.

Library News

The next Library Club Balloon Debate will be held on Monday 1st March-character names should be given to Miss Dixon before end of February please.

Carnegie Long List titles should arrive in school soon (those we don't have already), look out for excellent selection of the best new fiction.

Chess Championship:

We have 30 students signed up for the Chess Championship. First Round Games were played on Wednesday 10th Feb, Students gain 3 points for winning, 2 points for a draw, 1 point for losing- Prizes are given for each 3 points and top players are eligible for the next round of this National Competition. We wish Good Luck and Clear Thinking to all Entrants.

Police Warning

The Police have informed the School that the availability of a so-called 'legal high' is currently widespread across the Island and may be available at parties or events attended by some young people. At present it can also be purchased over the Internet. It is a white powder that can be sniffed, smoked or dissolved in liquids. Street names for the drug include 'MCAT', 'meow', 'Space E' and 'Bubble' - although it is commonly known on the Island as 'MCAT'.

More details can be obtained from Frank; the official drugs advice site <http://www.talktofrank.com/>.

An advice line is available at 0800 77 66 00

Mr Clarke

Notices & News

Your future in languages'

On Friday, January 22, seven students from year 11 took part in 'Your Future in Languages' at Cowes Yacht Haven. The challenge opened with a series of guest speakers linked in some way to the world of sailing and cruising. The workshop was in the form of a challenge where students were required to create an experience for young people on cruise ships and market the experience in the languages they study by means of a presentation, publicity material and a radio jingle. Sophie Douglas and Alice Rivers were in the winning team, together with three students from Medina High School. The prize will be a trip around a cruise ship in May. Well done!

Year 9 Preference Forms

Could parents of Year 9 students please take the opportunity of the holiday to discuss what to put on their Preference Form. This is due in to Form Tutors on Friday February 26th. If you have any queries please contact your child's Form Tutor, Mrs King, or me on 409133 or by e-mail at martin.addyman@sandownhighschool.com

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Free Golf lessons for girls

Starting on 2nd March there will be free golf lessons for girls available.

Initially they will take place during lunch time but as the weather improves the lessons and play will take place on the golf course.

Any girls that are interested should contact either Mr. Miselbach in the P.E. office or Mr. Bone in W17.

We have now subscribed to MyMaths.co.uk. This is an internet resource, so our students can use it within school and at home for homework, revision and learning.

MyMaths.co.uk allows pupils to select the level of work they are doing and thus choose their own learning pathway through the material. Pupils can work on lessons at home which they have been taught in class, and choose appropriate material for their level, thus encouraging independent learning. The site can also be used to revise for exams.

Your child has been, or soon will be, given a letter explaining how to access the materials at home. This letter contains their login details.

Your child's teacher may have set them a task. Access

their task sheet on the main menu to find out. You will also find their results here, what questions your child could and couldn't do, how many times they have attempted the worksheet and when they last tried it. If no lessons are appearing then you have a **Pop-Up Blocker** installed. You **MUST** allow MyMaths.co.uk to use Pop-Ups.

A hard copy of the homework task can be produced for any student who is unable to access the internet at home.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school on (01983) 409167 and speak to Ms A Duxbury (Head of Mathematics) or your child's Mathematics teacher.

Mathematics Revision

Parents of Year 11 students will have recently received a letter indicating the after school (3 until 4) Revision Sessions being run by the Mathematics Department as well as instructions concerning MyMaths and the Examination Papers accessible through the school intranet.

The revision programme is as follows:

Wednesday Foundation Room – S11

Feb	3 rd	Algebra 1 - Brackets, Indices, Substitution
	10 th	Handling Data 1 - Averages
	24 th	Number 1 – Multiplication, Division, Estimation, Prime Factors
March	3 rd	Number 2 - Fractions
	10 th	Shape and Space 1 - Solids
	17 th	Algebra 2 - Linear Graphs + Travel Graphs
	24 th	Handling Data 2 - Graphs + Pie Charts + Two-Way Tables
	31 st	Number 3 - Ratio
April	21 st	Shape and Space 2 - Angles
	28 th	Algebra 3 - Solving Equations & Factorising Expressions
May	5 th	Handling Data 3 - Questionnaires + Probability
	12 th	Number 4 - Percentages and Decimals
	19 th	Shape and Space 3 - Circles
	26 th	Shape and Space 4 - Bearings + Transformations

Thursday Higher Room – S26

Feb	4 th	Algebra 1 - Brackets, Indices, Substitution
	11 th	Handling Data 1 – Averages
	25 th	Number 1 - Fractions, Percentages and Decimals
March	4 th	Number 2 - Ratio and Proportion
	11 th	Shape and Space 1 - Area, Volume etc
	18 th	Algebra 2 - Graphs (including scatter graphs)
	25 th	Handling Data 2 – Probability
April	1 st	Algebra 3 - Solving Equations
	22 nd	Shape and Space 2 - Angles + Bearings
	29 th	Algebra 4 - Quadratics + Trial and Improvement
May	6 th	Handling Data 3 - Two-Way Tables + Questionnaires
	13 th	Handling Data 4 - Cumulative Frequency + Boxplots
	20 th	Shape and Space 3 - Circle Theorems + Transformations
	27 th	Shape and Space 4 – Trigonometry

The Mathematics Department sell the following items:

Available at lunch time from S26.

Revision Guide - £2.50

Workbook - £2.50

Exam Papers (3 sets) - £2.50

Or buy all 3 of the above for £7. Available in Higher or Foundation.

Revision Discs (Higher or Foundation) - £3

Scientific Calculator - £5

Geometry Set - £1

In addition, pupils in Year 10 who are sitting their GCSE this year, may attend an after school (3 until 4) revision class each Wednesday in S26.