

Newsletter

Useful information for students, parents and the community

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WEEK A

Mon 11th **January exam Season starts**
Yr 11 Drama Trip to see Woman in Black

Wed 13th **College Council Meeting**
Yr 10 Science & Religion Debate

Thurs 14th **November 09 exam series results published**

WEEK B

Mon 18th **Yr 10 science Module (am)**
Yr 11 Applied Science Module exam (am)
Yr 12 Geography local field trip

Wed 20th **Yr 9 Science exam (am)**
6th Form Open Evening

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term. The weather has been causing us some problems recently and unfortunately the snow was so bad that we had to close for the last day of term and Wednesday of this week. We will always attempt to open the school if at all possible in periods of severe weather but sometimes it is simply not possible. We will endeavour to keep parents and students up-to-date with closures as soon as we can via the school website and through School Comms for those parents who have signed up for this service.

I know that many students were disappointed to have missed the gig that we hold at lunchtime on the last day of the Christmas term. We are hoping to be

able to organise this for the end of this half term - more details will follow. We also missed the whole school assembly where I would normally give the College Points totals for the term. So here they are:

| College | Rank | Total |
|-----------|------|-------|
| Campbell | 1 | 7302 |
| King | 2 | 6495 |
| Picasso | 3 | 5966 |
| Grey | 4 | 5473 |
| Thompson | | |
| McCartney | 5 | 5221 |
| Dylan | 6 | 4727 |

Well done to Campbell College who lead so far. The points are earned by students taking part in College events and competitions and for the credits they get in lessons. This is by far the largest total for the Autumn term that we have had in 3 years - everyone is doing very well to gain so many credits - keep it up.

Jim Parker
Headteacher

MOBILE PHONES, MP3 PLAYERS, WALLETS AND OTHER VALUABLES

Please may we remind parents that any such items are brought in to school by students entirely at their own risk. During lessons such as PE, when students have to leave their clothes in the changing rooms, we provide a valuables box. We will do our best to keep any items in the valuables box safe, but no system is perfect and we cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage. The best protection is not to bring in to school any items of higher value than strictly necessary.

Jim Parker
Headteacher

DIRECT DIAL TEL NO. FOR REPORTING SICKNESS ABSENCE: 679410

Please call in before 9.00am every day of absence

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS - SEPTEMBER 2011 (CONSULTATION)

Central Bedfordshire Council have published their admission arrangements for September 2011 on their website which can be accessed using the following link :

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissconsult

PARKING

Please may we remind parents of the need to be careful when collecting students by car at the end of school. Please:

- **Do not use the restricted parking spaces for the School Buses**
- **Leave the Disabled Parking bays for those entitled to use them**
- **Do not park in the vicinity of the zebra crossing so that pedestrians cannot see the moving traffic**

The end of the school day is busy and parking rarely brings out the best in any of us, but please let us keep the safety of all students as our first priority

ACTIVITY TRIPS 2010 - PAYMENT DATES

Just to remind parents about the payment dates for the two activity trips running in 2010.

Year 9 - Island Challenge - June 2010.

Three instalments of £50 will be due by:-

- 1) **Friday 29th January 2010**
- 2) **Friday 26th March 2010**
- 3) **Friday 28th May 2010**

Year 10 PGL – July 2010

Two Instalments of £50 will be due by:-

- 1) **Friday 29th January 2010**
- 2) **Friday 26th March 2010**

Unfortunately once monies have been paid, no refund will be offered.

All monies need to be paid in at Student Services located in C Block at lunchtime (1.25-2pm) in a sealed and labelled envelope stating child's name and trip.

Can we take this opportunity to remind students that if he/she loses trustee status they will be withdrawn from the above trips.

**Mrs Hopkin & Mr Young
Trip Leaders**

DIPLOMA WORKSHOPS

As you are perhaps aware, the Diploma qualifications will be offered in Year 10 and 11 next year. These new qualifications will be delivered collaboratively across the Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard schools together with Central Bedfordshire College (renamed Dunstable College). There will be diplomas available in the following areas:

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Land Based and Environment | Engineering |
| Creative and Media | Construction |
| Sport and Active Leisure | Hair and Beauty |
| IT | |

These qualifications will be in addition to the GCSEs and BTEC qualifications currently on offer.

To help students make an informed choice about whether these Diplomas are the right option for them, there will be **Diploma Workshops for parents/carers and students at Dunstable College on Monday 18th January**. The first workshop runs from 4.30 until 6.00 and the second from 5.30 until 7.00.

Your child will receive a letter early next week inviting you to sign up to one of these workshops.

Our main option process takes place in March (**Option Evening 19th March, Option choices by 31st March**), so these events are a bit early for our liking, but we have to fit in with the other schools who have their option process a lot earlier in the year.

**Mr Jones
Deputy Head**

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

You will be receiving a letter inviting you to the **Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 20th January**. **The evening runs from 7.00 until 9.00, with presentations at 7.00 and 7.30**. Subject staff will be available throughout the evening to answer questions and offer advice.

You will also receive a Sixth Form Prospectus towards the end of next week, outlining all the courses available in the Sixth Form.

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