

Parent Update

Focus School Stoke Poges Campus

Week Ending: 2nd October 2015

Maintaining standards

We are now over half way through the term and our school evaluation cycle is underway. This has given me the opportunity to get into lessons and see how our students are learning and the quality of education they are receiving. I was delighted to observe Year 10 participating in their French lesson, their enthusiasm and engagement in their learning was exceptional. Well done Year 10 and Mrs Dickinson on a wonderful display of learning; you are a credit to the school and yourselves.



The student leadership team led assembly on Monday after a technical hitch last week. The assembly was very inspiring and certainly showed what could be achieved when determined. I look forward to future assemblies led by our students over the next few weeks.

Uniform

Next week's focus will be on uniform and to this end we ask for your support as parents. The new uniform is smart and most students are compliant and should be congratulated. Although we understand that a number of students are patiently waiting for their blazers to receive the required braiding, they are still required to wear plain jackets, not items with logos. Girls should wear blue or maroon hairbands or scrunchies or hair bows (attached to slides/barrettes) can be navy or white. There should be no sparkly items of headwear. Ties for sixth form boys need to be worn at all times unless in the workshop or during science experiments for health and safety reasons. I will be sending letters home when students are not in appropriate wear as a gentle reminder of the OneSchool expectations. May I thank you for your support in helping us ensuring all our students represent the school and community appropriately in this matter.

Student of the week.

I am pleased to announce the start of our student of the week. This week we have given the award to Cheryl for her commitment to co-ordinate our first edition of the 'Student Learning Newsletter. We look forward to sharing the students' learning articles with you at the end of this term and congratulating Cheryl in next week's assembly.



Year 7 and Year 8 Parents' Consultation Meeting – Wednesday 7th October 2015

Your child's teachers will be available to meet with you between 1.15 pm and 5.15 pm and your son/daughter has been making appointments with their subject teachers this week. We respectfully request that parents keep to their 10 minute appointment to ensure everyone gets an opportunity to meet with all staff. Your children are expected to attend the appointments with you.

To accommodate the Parents' consultation event school will finish lessons after period 4, 12.35 pm. We will liaise with school transport to take Year 9-13 students home at 1.00 pm.

I would like to thank Lydia, Zena, Alexia, Adina, Rorke, Madison, Grace and Warwick for volunteering to serve refreshments and work as guides for the afternoon.

Target setting

This week our Year 7 and Year 12 students have been taking their target setting tests so we can focus teacher planning to support individuals in their learning. We will use these targets over the next few weeks to assess how students are progressing and will gather this information during the first week of November to share with yourselves and students.

House Music

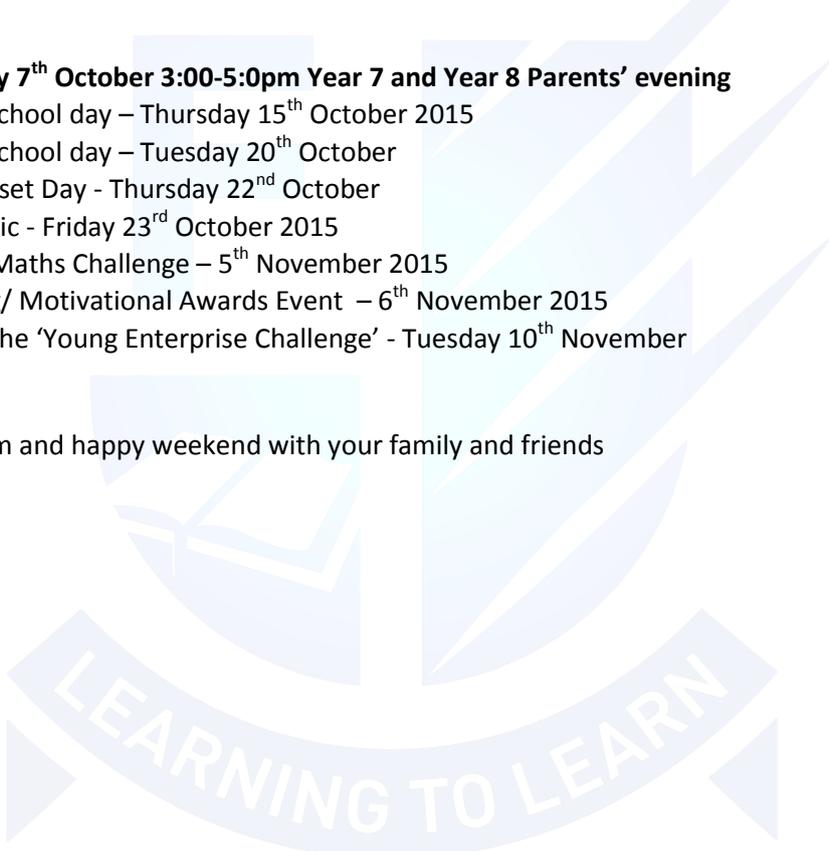
I would like to invite all parents to the House Music event on Friday 23rd October. Performances will commence promptly at 12.40 pm and parents are welcomed from 12.25 pm.

It would be lovely to see as many parents as possible support our students in this event which is one of the highlights of the school year.

- **Wednesday 7th October 3:00-5:0pm Year 7 and Year 8 Parents' evening**
- Extended school day – Thursday 15th October 2015
- Extended school day – Tuesday 20th October
- Regional Inset Day - Thursday 22nd October
- House Music - Friday 23rd October 2015
- UK Senior Maths Challenge – 5th November 2015
- Prize giving/ Motivational Awards Event – 6th November 2015
- Launch of the 'Young Enterprise Challenge' - Tuesday 10th November

Wishing you a warm and happy weekend with your family and friends

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