

# Weekly Bulletin

## w/c Monday 25th February 2019

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#### Notices:

- **Subject options for 2019-20:** There is much debate in the school at the moment about options at GCSE and A Level for 2019-20. It would be appreciated if parents who wish to express an opinion about such matters spoke to a senior member of staff at the school in the first instance. Whilst social media platforms have their uses, they are not conducive to a constructive, well-informed dialogue. There are many subjects the school would like to reintroduce, but very few, if any, that are affordable given current budget constraints. Please see the presentations from the Year Group Information Evenings for more background, available on the website under [Notices](#) for each year group. If there are any developments on this front, parents and students will be informed promptly.
- **Mobile phones:** Just a reminder to parents that the ban on mobile phone usage during the school day comes into effect from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Our strong advice is not to bring one into school at all unless it is absolutely vital.
- **Day House events:** Parents will be interested to learn that Day Houses will not be able to offer the same number of social events in the school year as was the case previously. This is because of workload pressures on staff and some of the financial pressures on parents. There will continue to be an annual House social event for bonding purposes, but events in addition to this and after school hours will not be possible.
- **Social Media:** We have recently had a concern from a student who had been subject to a fake social media account being set up in their name. This can be distressing for any individual and can be hugely difficult to establish who the perpetrator is. In this case the parents became aware and we have been able to support and advise. We will be reiterating the advice on keeping safe online to students after half term and will be offering online safety advice at a parents event as well – watch out for the date. There is an attachment below from the Department for Education (DfE) which includes a wide range of information for parents and carers about how to keep safe online. This is also available on our website under Safeguarding. The DfE advice gives full information about what to do if online content is offensive or wrong, including links to the service providers. (*Miss Smart*)
- **Positive Mental Health and resilience:** As part of our continued focus on mental health, students have had a series of assemblies on promoting resilience and positive mental health. Included in the attachments below is one of these assemblies and a guide for parents, both of which we hope will provide you with advice on how to support your child's mental health and give an insight into some of the work we are doing in school.
- **CSPA Quiz Night:** Saturday 30th March, 7:00pm—10:00pm, Dining Hall. Tickets cost £15 per person and include supper. To book tickets, please [visit the CSPA website](#).
- **World Book Day:** World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March and to celebrate, the school will be holding a second hand book sale, literary quiz, a compulsory 25 minute reading session and much more. For more information, please see the attachments section.
- **Wellbeing Toolkit:** The online Wellbeing Toolkit is now available to view online. This new initiative is run by Sixth Formers and is available to every student in the school. The aim is to provide the opportunity to talk about worries and offer support, as well as develop strategies for resilience. Students will be hearing about the toolkit before half-term; please could you encourage your son/daughter to think about what to put into their Wellbeing Toolkit over the half-term. There are useful documents available on the website (link below).
- **Hotshotz Half Term Tennis Camp:** Between Tuesday 19th to Thursday 21st February at Horsmonden Tennis Club; sessions for ages 4-10 years are from 9:00am—12:00pm and for ages 11 and over from 12:30pm—3:30pm. The cost is £20 per day or £48 for all three days with a 20% sibling discount. To book places, please [visit their website](#), email [admin@hotshotztennis.co.uk](mailto:admin@hotshotztennis.co.uk) or call 07932 573888.
- **MSC Summer League 7-a-side Hockey, Marden Hockey Club:** Round 1 starts week of 29th April; last round week of 15th July. Mixed teams must have three boys and three girls on the pitch. Cost £50 team registration, £20 match tax payable at the bar before each match. For more information or to register a team, contact [msc.sportoffice@gmail.com](mailto:msc.sportoffice@gmail.com)

#### **New on the website:**

- [Cranbrook School Boat Club take bronze medals home from intense finals](#)

#### **Dates for your diary:**

- Fri 15th Feb Half Term (3:35pm)
- Sun 24th Feb Boarders return (from 6:00pm)
- Mon 25th Feb Return to school
- Sat 30th Mar CSPA Quiz Night, 7:00pm—10:00pm, Dining Hall. [Tickets available](#)
- Tues 12th Mar Sixth Form Open Evening, 4:30pm—7:00pm, Sixth Form Centre

#### **Links to attachments (these will redirect you to the website):**

- [Department of Education: Advice on cyberbullying](#)
- [Positive mental health assembly](#) and [Parent and carers guide to mental health](#)
- [World Book Day](#)
- [Futures](#)

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