



# Newsletter

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

## Visitor's Car Park

Firstly I'd like to thank those parents who have been supportive of our request not to pull into to the car park to drop their sons / daughters off in the mornings - it is increasing the safety and security of staff and students as they arrive to school

I would like to remind those parents who drop their children off to school by car that they do so on Longrood Road, or on Cymbeline Way and not the visitor's car park at the front of the school.

I'm sure you'll understand that in the morning the flow of cars into the car park one way is far safer than the backwards and forwards of dropping students off, turning round and then trying to exit the car park.

Recently, the dashcam of a sixth-form car captured a tense exchange between a parent and student, with unpleasant language being used towards one of our students. I am sure you agree that this is unacceptable. The dashcam captured the event clearly, the number plate and parent are clearly visible and identifiable, and in every instance such as this we would encourage the victim of such bullying and intimidation to report the matter to the police.

There is no reason for anyone's day to start with conflict, and we would ask that all parents observe the request to drop their sons / daughters off outside the school for the safety of students arriving in the morning and afternoon.

Mrs Everton will speaking to the Year 13 drivers to ensure that they drive into the car park safely and with care.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Mark Grady

Deputy Head Teacher

## Classics Competition

The competition is being launched this week and is open for all key stages. The closing date is the first Friday back after half term (1<sup>st</sup> March).

Please see the attached poster where you will find all the relevant information.

## Student Finance talk for Parents

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm in the school hall there will be a speaker from Aston University to talk about student finance. The talk is aimed at the parents of Year 13 students intending to go to University in 2019. Year 12 parents are very welcome to attend.

## Year 10 PSHE Day – First Aid

For the Year 10 PSHE day, a few visitors came to talk about the causes, effects and treatments of various health problems you, or someone in need may have to deal with in case of an emergency.



There were 3 sessions throughout the day which included demonstrations such as using a defibrillator, putting a person into the recovery position, and making a sling for a broken arm. We also got the chance to learn how to help someone who is choking by using a choking vest.



Not only were methods of recovery discussed, but also the causes of the injuries and what happens in different parts of your body when these injuries occur and what happens when the correct treatment is applied. For each type of injury, there is a different emergency response that needs to be followed to help the casualty as much as you can before calling an ambulance.

For this, there were many activities where the students were able to practise carrying out treatment procedures such as CPR on dummies and using bandages for different kinds of injuries.

Overall, I think this PSHE day was useful for students in raising awareness on what to do in emergencies and how to deal with medical problems that don't always require immediate services. With all that we learnt, we were able to gain enough confidence in medical training and even pass on this information to others.

## New edition of “Illuminate”

We are excited to launch Illuminate this week! Our new logo has been designed by Shona Whelan.

It is published alongside this newsletter and contains writing by:



Lara Williams Jenni Wesson Katie Wang  
Izzie Moore Shona Whelan Leila Hassall  
Olivia Conlon Neha Dhadha Rachel  
Coates Poppy Crossland Faith Gibbins  
Aksaya Jevanthan Briony Havergill Helen  
Martin Niamh Chalmers Lily Jacks  
Louisa Bates Aishwarya Gurijala



Many of the pieces were inspired by the theme of earth. We hope you enjoy our publication and many congratulations to the students published in this edition.

Aaliah Aziz  
Shona Whelan  
Sophie Bradshaw  
Lauren Marks  
Katy Timms  
*Poetry editors*

## French Club

A group of Year 12 students have recently set up a French Club for young new joiners to the school. Mainly focused on making French fun, the weekly club includes games like Kahoot, which follow alongside what Year 7 students are learning in lessons.

With an informal atmosphere, this club is open to Year 7 and 8 students. It is a great way to keep the Upper and Lower school in contact with each other and to build the students' confidence in the language. If you wish to join the club, just come to the Salle Shirley (the old Language Lab) at 1.20pm on Wednesday lunchtimes - all levels welcome!

## CLEANER – PART TIME VACANCY

9 hours per week

Start times: 6.10 am, 7 am or 3.50 pm

Term-Time (including 5 training days)

plus 9 hours per annum to be worked during the school holidays

A cleaner is needed to join our team, working to a high standard.

NJC Scale 6/7 (£8.50 - £8.55 per hour). Training for cleaning and COSHH will be provided. Applicants must be able to work alone and as part of a team.

For further details and an application pack, please contact:

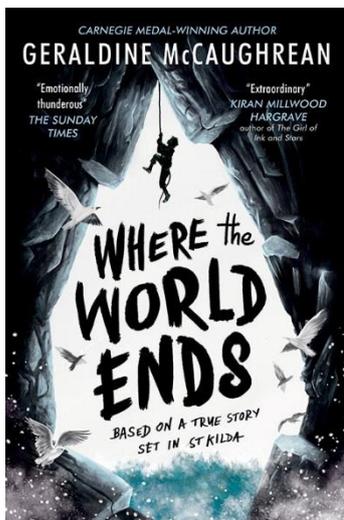
Mrs S Heinink HR Manager Email: [vacancies@rugbyhighschool.co.uk](mailto:vacancies@rugbyhighschool.co.uk)

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## Used Postage Stamps

We would still like to collect used postage stamps to give to Birmingham Children's Hospital in order for memory boxes to be bought for the parents of babies born prematurely.

If you are able to help with this request please ask your daughter to hand them into the main office. Thank you.



## Looking for something to read?

### KS3 Book Recommendation

Every time a lad came fowling on the St Kilda stacs, he went home less of a boy and more of a man. If he went home at all, that is...

In the summer of 1727, a group of men and boys are put ashore on a remote sea stac to harvest birds for food. No one returns to collect them. Why? Surely nothing but the end of the world can explain why they have been abandoned to endure storms, starvation and terror. And how can they survive, housed in stone and imprisoned on every side by the ocean?

## Thought of the Week from the Languages Department

Bravo - continuez !

¡ Muy bien - no paréis !

Use this phrase in your Language lessons to gain a house point. The English translation will be in next week's newsletter.

Answer to last week's Thought for the Week: Go for it!

## Maths Quiz 529

What is the minimum number of bricks?

A square based pyramid is built from cubical bricks, one on the top layer, four on the next, nine on the next and so on.

What is the minimum number of bricks needed if the pyramid is to be dismantled and rebuilt into three separate cubes?

Answer to Quiz 528: There are 72 ornaments

## Diary Dates

French Trip to Versailles

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Year 9 Vaccinations (DTP + Men ACWY)

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Year 9 Options Evening

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

MARKING DAY

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January

British Biology Olympiad Year 13

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Ski Trip Years 8 and 9

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February

University Finance Talk Year 13

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 6pm

Year 9 Parents' Evening #1

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Intermediate Maths Challenge Years 9, 10, 11

Jessie Wright Poetry Evening

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Year 9 Parents' Evening #2

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Year 12 & 13 Art Students to Tate Modern, London

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Year 9 Options Deadline

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February