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NEWSLETTER



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Coming Up

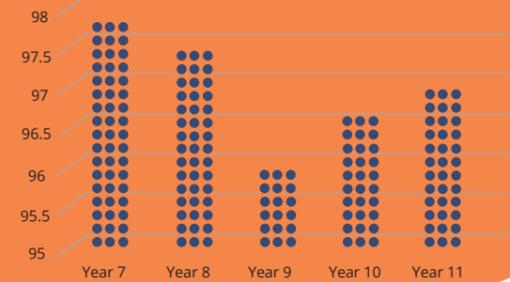
This Week - W/C 30.1.2017 (Week 1)

- Jan 30 Yr 11 Alpha and Beta GCSE Chemistry ISA
- Feb 01 Year 7 Enterprise Day
- Feb 02 School trip to see 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

Next Week - W/C 06.02.2017 (Week 1)

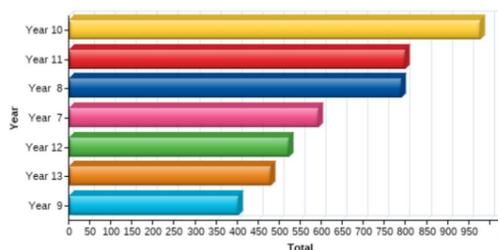
- Feb 07 Cambridge University Interview Talk
- Feb 09 Year 9 Info Evening
- Feb 10 PSHE P2

ATTENDANCE 23.1.17 - 27.1.17



VIVO REWARDS

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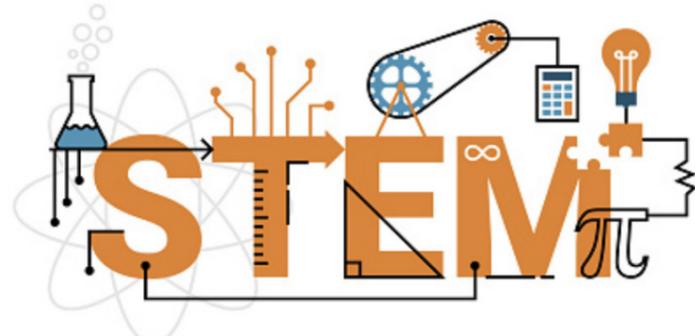
Exciting STEM Projects

STEM Club has some exciting projects running and you can still get involved.

At 12.30pm on a Wednesday we have STEM Lunch Club which is following the Kitchen Science theme- learn how to create Science experiments using ingredients from your kitchen! Coming up next.... an egg-cellent challenge!

After school on a Wednesday we have Forensic Science Club for year 7 only- learn how Science can solve a grisly crime! Rollercoaster Club- design and make your own roller coaster using Science and Maths to calculate the energy and speed and Design Technology to make the roller coaster. Sustainable Fuel Experiment- we have some pupils making and testing sustainable fuels. The Bright Ideas Challenge- we have some pupils participating in a challenge to design a city for Shell- they may win an all expenses paid trip to London and a tablet each!

If you want to try any experiment....speak to your Science teachers and we'll see what we can do!



Are you a budding author, love reading and aged 13 or under?

If so, why not enter this simply spectacular short story competition. Your story should be no more than five hundred words and can be about anything you like. Magical, mysterious, amusing or a gripping adventure, it's up to you.

You could win yourself a stack of books by award winning children's authors, plus **five hundred books** for the college library. You have until **7pm on Friday 23rd February 2017** to submit your entry!

The final will take place at **The Tower of London on Friday 16th June 2017** in the presence of Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall and a whole host of celebrities. There is loads more information about the competition and tips on writing a brilliant story at

www.bbc.co.uk/500words



Come to our School Direct Open Morning on Thursday 2nd March 9.00 - 11.30am

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LITERACY CORNER

SPOT THE PREPOSITIONS!

Prepositions are words such as “in” and “on” and “off” that show you the relationship between two things. They often tell you where one thing is in relation to another.

There are nine examples below that you need to find and circle.

Top Tip: A preposition always comes before a noun.

Ellie crawled under the bed and into the corner. She had had a bad dream and was scared. In the dream, she had been on a ship where ghosts flew above and around her head.

She had climbed up the steps, tiptoed past the ghost captain and sneaked across the deck.

Then she hid inside a cabin.

PASS YOUR ANSWERS TO MRS CONNOLLY AND WIN A PRIZE!

PREPOSITION – OFF / OF.

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“Of” is a preposition and is used to show a relationship between two ideas. For example: The mother of the child, News of the disaster, Built of stone.

Place the correct preposition in the gaps below!

- “Could you turn the light, please?”
- The sculpture had been made out marble.
- The King Spain was a very powerful man.
- The teacher shouted, “Get your head the desk!”
- The mystery the missing pen was solved when Bernard found it under the table.

WEEKLY THEME “PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE”

Luke 2: 22-40

In Luke’s Gospel we are introduced to a couple of characters who have been waiting for a long time for a promise to be fulfilled.

Mary and Joseph bring the baby Jesus to the Temple in order to fulfil their religious duty of making an offering for their firstborn. And here they come across this old couple. We don’t know much about these two, Luke tells us that Simeon is touched by the Holy spirit and comes to the temple. Anna, it seems, is just there all the time.

Both Anna and Simeon were people who looked forward with hope. When God acts and the promise that they have been waiting for is fulfilled Anna and Simeon are in tune. They do not miss what is taking place before them. Simeon recognises that his wait is over. That the long-awaited promise of God has been fulfilled in the Child of Jesus.

We sometimes find it hard to wait. It’s no wonder as our culture is always in such a rush. Fast food, text messaging, on demand entertainment. We are very

quickly losing a sense of what it means to appreciate anticipation.

But the best things in life are worth waiting for. As Christians we are a people who long for the coming of God’s Kingdom. What helps when it comes to waiting in faith is knowing that we are not the first to do so. Our tradition is rich in the stories of those who have gone before us. Stories about real people with real lives and real desires just like our own.

Loving Father, help us to be a people hope. Be with us in every step of our journey through life. May all we do and say give you praise.

Amen.

SIXTH FORM SUPPORT SESSIONS

YEAR 12

After School

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | History | Geography | Geography | |
| | Computer Science | Maths | Computer Science | |
| | ICT BTEC | Computer Science | ICT BTEC | |
| | Business Studies | ICT BTEC | Business Studies | |
| | Music | Business Studies | Psychology | |
| | Sociology | Chemistry | Applied Science | |
| | Media | Health & Social | Biology | |
| | Philosophy & Ethics | | | |
| | Physics | | | |
| | Product Design/Textiles | | | |
| | Art | | | |
| | | Product Design/Textiles | Product Design/Textiles | Product Design/Textiles by appt |
| | | | Art | |
| | | *PE bookable by appointment any evening | | |

Lunch Time

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| PE | | | | |
| Geography | Geography | Geography | Geography | |

YEAR 13

After School

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | Eng Comb | Philosophy & Ethics | Art | PE |
| | Eng Lit | Chemistry | Biology | Philosophy & Ethics |
| | Physics | Spanish | Applied Science | |
| | Business Studies | Business Studies | Business Studies | |
| | ICT | ICT | ICT | |
| | | Art | Sociology | |
| | Geography /WD | Maths | Media | |
| | Psychology | Geography/WD | Geography/WD | Geography/WD |
| | DT PD/Textiles | DT PD/Textiles | DT PD/Textiles | DT PD/Textiles by app |
| | Perf Arts | | Health & Social | |
| | | | History | |

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| PE | | | | |
| Perf Arts |