



Parent Communications

Date: 13 December 2019

Message from the Principal



As we come towards the end of the first term, there is a chance to reflect on the achievements of our staff and students so far this year. One such achievement that may have passed you by, is that we won a Careers Excellence Award, specifically for Excellence in Partnership working. Much of the credit for this should go to local Enterprise Advisor Kathie Crane. A past pupil from the school and Academy Councillor, Kathie is generous in her support of all we do at the academy. Most notably ensuring we maintain strong links with local industry, so that our students can benefit from a well-structured and inspiring careers programme. If you would like to learn more about our provisions for careers, [our website](#) is a good starting point, there you will find the overarching plan of all we intend to do, broken down by year group.

Thank you to everybody who supported the school production of *Great Expectations*. I am always blown away by the quality of the productions at the academy. Our Director, Annabel Venn, has huge ambition for her team and our students and they always live up to her high expectations. *Great Expectations* itself is a brilliant story, replete with moral lessons and some comparable themes to one of our previous productions, *A Christmas Carol*. The students loved being a part of it as much as we loved watching it. I was particularly impressed with how many year 7 students got involved. It's always a busy time of the year for the Performing Arts team and they play a huge part in making this time of the year special at the academy.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas Celebrations concert in the final week and from everyone here, a massive thank you for your continued support.

Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year,

Kieran



Key Dates

Date and Time	Year group	Event	Notes
Friday 20 December 2019 Dismissed at 12.45pm	All year groups	Last day of term	Students dismissed at 12.45pm
Monday 6 January 2020	All year groups	Inset Day	
Tuesday 7 January 2020 8.50am	All year groups	Back to School	
Thursday 16 January 2020 4.30pm - 7.30pm	Sixth Form	Sixth Form Parents' Evening	Parents' Evening Booking System

Trips and Events

Date and Time	Audience	Event	Location
Wednesday 18 December 7.00pm	Students/Parents/ Carers/Families/	Christmas Celebration (see further details below)	SRWA Sports Hall (please enter via the South Entrance)

Christmas Celebrations - Wednesday 18 December, 7.00pm

Come and sing with us to get in the mood for Christmas! We have traditional carols along with some popular Christmas songs sung by our choirs. We have festive dance pieces and comical Christmas drama sketches. There will also be an opportunity to see extracts from our recent and highly successful performance of *Great Expectations*. There will be favourite Christmas orchestra pieces and small bands. The evening starts at 7.00pm and will finish around 8.45pm so not too late for little ones. Come and share in our Celebration of Christmas. Tickets [here](#).

Fixtures and Results

Fixtures

17 December - U14 Girls' Football League - Finals

18 December - Year 10 Basketball at Littlehampton, SRWA v Littlehampton Academy/Steyping

18 December - ABL Southern Basketball Fixture at home, SRWA v The North School

7 January - Year 9 Basketball at Littlehampton, SRWA v Littlehampton Academy/Steyping

8 January - Year 7 Girls' Football League at Littlehampton Academy

8 January - Year 10 Basketball at Shoreham, SRWA v Angmering/Shoreham

8 January - ABL Southern Basketball Fixture at home, SRWA v St Thomas the Apostle College

9 January - Year 8 Basketball at home, SRWA v St Andrews

9 January - Year 11 Basketball at home, SRWA v Steyping

Results

- The year 10 basketball team won 1 match against Worthing High School (SRWA 11, WHS 8) but lost against St Andrews (STA 19, SRWA 4).
- Year 9 basketball team result, SRWA 38-22 Kings School County Cup Game.
- On Wednesday 27 November the year 7 girls basketball team had their best performance to date against a very strong team from Angmering. At the halfway point SRWA were winning 10-6, but unfortunately couldn't hold on to seal the victory in the final quarter and lost 10-16. Well done to May Balmer who was voted MVP for the SRWA team by Angmering.

- On Thursday 28 November the year 9 netball team put on their netball bibs competitively for the first time this year and competed at the district netball tournament at The Towers school. Despite the results not going our way (2 wins and 4 losses), the girls enthusiasm, team ethic and perseverance shone through!

Successes and Congratulations

Excellence Awards (Awarded w/c 9 December)

Danny Kimmins - Taking responsibility for improving his results

Damon Ellis - For showing kindness to another student

Lily Booker-Oliver and Eloise Johnson - For giving up their lunch break to sell for a charity

Attendance Reward Breakfast (Awarded w/c 2 December)

The winning tutor group is once again, Tutor Group M3 (Mrs Caumartin)

Academy Council Vacancies

We will soon be inviting applications for Academy Council vacancies. These are highly valued and important positions which play a vital role in representing the views of parents and the local community. We would particularly welcome applications from year 7 parents. A letter will be sent home soon with details of how to apply.

Reminder - Arbor

All parents! Please download the Arbor app.

You can quickly and easily access information about attendance, behaviour and sign trip consents while on the go. Arbor works best on the app or desktop compared to a mobile browser. In future, trips and clubs sign ups will be through Arbor, so let us know if you are unable to login.

Full Arbor information on our website [here](#).

App Downloads: iOS App [here](#). Android app [here](#).

Reminder for Year 11 Families.

Apply to W6 Sixth Form

Year 11 students should now have submitted an application for 6th form. Interviews have already begun for those who have applied. All applications are done online. [Apply here](#).

Year 11 Intervention Sessions.

Year 11 students should be attending at least three intervention sessions per week. The timetable below shows which sessions are running on each day of the week.

	Before school 8.25-8.45am	3-4pm After school	4-5pm After school
Monday		Science	Staff meetings
Tuesday	History/ English	Languages	
Wednesday		Maths	
Thursday	Spanish	English	
Friday	Geography	Option subjects	PE Practical

Spotlight on...STEM

- This year we have even more students in years 9-12 working as science researchers with the [IRIS projects](#); continuing to decode the genome of the human whipworm *trachuris trichuria*; synthesise ionic liquids in our labs; analyse data from unknown star systems and detect subatomic particles using a CERN@school detector.
- The Genome Decoder team will also be mentoring year 12 students from several local schools, helping them to get started with this cutting edge research project supported by the [Wellcome Sanger Institute](#) in Cambridge.
- The [Greenpower racing team](#) are busy preparing the electric car for the new season of test and race days, including the construction of our own full size wind tunnel to investigate and improve the aerodynamics of the car.
- Science club has again increased in numbers and continues to explore the world of science around us, recently making their own model boats to test principles of nautical engineering.

Year 11 Science

All year 11 students will be sitting the next set of paper 1 mocks for biology, chemistry and physics in their first science lessons after the Christmas break. Students should be using the following to help ensure that they are fully prepared:

- Revision guides and workbooks
- [Educake](#) Science (online revision, exam questions - students have logins for this)
- [Seneca](#) Learning (online revision, content and exam questions - free to sign up, some premium content also available)
- Topic revision checklists (added onto [Show My Homework](#) and emailed to all students)

Intervention - this is now on a Monday from 3.00-3.45pm. Biology, chemistry and physics covered on alternate weeks. Separate foundation, higher and triple science sessions available. Regular attenders will be provided with additional revision resources after Christmas.

Year 11 Science revision papers

[Revision Checklist AQA Triple Science Chemistry Paper 1](#)

[Revision Checklist AQA Triple Science Physics Paper 1](#)

[Revision Checklist AQA Combined Science Physics Paper 1](#)

[Revision Checklist AQA Triple Science Biology Paper 1](#)

[Revision Checklist AQA Combined Science Biology Paper 1](#)

[Revision Checklist AQA Combined Science Chemistry Paper 1](#)

Careers

Start Profile Website

We are pleased to announce that after a week of careers-based assemblies, we have enrolled all students on "Start Profile". Start is an online careers platform that supports students through their career journey in school. The linked document below has details of the platform and how you can sign up as a parent and participate in the process with your children.

All students have been sent an email with their username and password, so they can now log in. Visit [Start Profile platform](#) to find out more.

Brighton and Sussex Medical School Monthly Lectures

Students aged 11-18 are invited to attend the Brighton & Hove Medical School's lecture "How to save a life" with Dr. Neil Singh on the **8 January 2020 from 6.30-7.30pm** at the Medical School Teaching Building. The lecture is free to attend, [please open link for flyer](#) and [here](#) to reserve a seat.

Education Development Trust

Explore trends and information about jobs in the local area with labour market Information and other key information from our [local enterprise partners](#).

Calling all alumni

Did you attend SRWA or Boundstone Community College? Join our [SRWA Alumni on LinkedIn](#). We do a lot of work with former students, particularly inviting them in to speak with our students about their career journey. Join our [Alumni](#) and keep in touch.