

Newsletter



PATTISON
COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

Where did January go! February promises to be just as busy as you can see below. A reminder please as always, never hesitate to contact us should you have concerns.

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Safer Internet Day Tuesday 7 February

Today is Safer Internet Day. The following link will give you access to all the information you need to keep your child safe online: <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>. You may have seen on today's BBC news how young people are affected by what is written about them online and Year 8 took impressive House assemblies today about keeping safe online. Did you know for example the age restrictions for different social media platforms below?

Year 5 to 14 pupils have come home today with information about the NSPCC Online Safety survey. The information they gained from the last one in 2015 revealed a huge amount about internet use.

The survey will be conducted online at school and is completely anonymous, i.e. neither the school nor the individual will be named.

If parents could sign the permission slips this evening and return the forms tomorrow so the survey can be completed to help research as soon as possible, I would be grateful.

I have sent Think U Know links to parents over the past few months for videos appropriate for all age groups that you can watch with your child. I also sent a link about live streaming.

It is important that we all work together to keep children safe from harm and I know you will support this venture.

Age Restrictions On Social Media

13	14	16	17	18	18
Twitter Facebook Instagram Pinterest Google+ Tumblr Reddit Snapchat	LinkedIn	WhatsApp	Vine Tinder	Path	(13 with parents consent) YouTube Keek Foursquare WeChat Kik Flickr

Private Lesson Showcase Thursday 9 February 6.30pm

The Senior and Chamber Choirs will be joining all those pupils who have Private Lessons to present an in-house performance of their work, giving parents an opportunity to come and see the excellent work that goes on in classes. Letters giving more details, along with a seat request forms have been given out to all pupils involved.

Please ensure your child has returned their reply slip so we can plan sufficient seating.

Guide Dogs For The Blind

Prep School children were delighted to meet Brody, a 7 month old German Shepherd, and his trainer last week. Having heard all about the work that he is going to do and his training, every child had the opportunity to stroke this very patient dog. Thank you to Mrs Green for arranging this visit.

Work experience and careers

All Year 10 pupils had a very successful work experience at the start of term in various schools and organisations. Mrs Brown, who organised it all, heard nothing but compliments about how helpful, polite and smart they had all been and every pupils received a superb reference. Well done Year 10.

Before Christmas Years 9, 10 & 11 had a most informative talk about careers in law by my solicitor son who, for the past 10 years, has been responsible for the Legal Practice Course for Post Graduate students at the University of Law in Birmingham and now works at Leicester University.

Today, the whole senior school heard all about opportunities in the NHS, thanks to Ms Woods. It has certainly given pupils something to think about. Thank you Ms Woods for sparing the time.

Staff News

Mrs Patria, the Senior School Science Teacher and Mrs Brown, the Year 9 to 11 English Teacher are both ill and staff are covering their work. In the case of Science work it has been decided that staff will sometimes teach their own subject and when Mrs Patria returns she will be allocated additional time.

Parking

A few parents are still parking on the corner of the slip road in the mornings and preventing cars from turning in. Could I please ask parents once again not to do this and not to remove the cones so that they can park between them. There is usually plenty of parking in Stoke Green which would avoid children's lives being put at risk.

School Uniform

Pattison pupils are always complimented on their smart appearance, but standards drop when a few individuals decide to wear non-uniform items. Having said that, I do need to know if parents have difficulty getting regulation uniform from Clive Marks, so please do contact me should that ever be the case.

Just a reminder that the green, fleece lined waterproof coats are the regulation outdoor wear and nothing else, unless there is a medical reason. Green scarves and beanie hats are also regulation uniform for Prep School children of all ages.

Extra-curricular activities also require the correct uniform, be they sports club, PE or various dance lessons. Parents have to pay enough for fees without children asking for designer items. Please, do not be persuaded to buy sports bags, leggings etc etc with logos, just regulation items please. Thank you for your help in ensuring that we maintain the high standards for which we are known. Could I also ask you to check that all uniform is named so that you do not waste your money when items go astray.

Curtain Call Reply Slips

There are still a large number of reply slips outstanding for the school show. Could I please ask you to return your child's slip by the end of the week so that we can start ordering costumes. At this time of year the demand for costumes is very high and if we do not get our orders in soon there is a possibility that we might miss out.

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY	8	Music Showcase for Private Lesson pupils and Senior Choir
	16	LAMDA exams
	19-25	February half term
	28	Prep School Parents' Evening 4pm
MARCH	8	Year 7 & 8 Parents' Evening 5pm
	9	Mothers' Day Assembly—Nursery & Early Years
	16	Students visit to Move It in London
	21	Junior & Senior Drama Showcase
	22	Years 10 & 11 visit to see Macbeth at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre
	22	Year 9 Parents' Evening
	27	Rev William Assembly Prep School Easter Celebration 2pm
	28	School closes for the Easter holiday at 3pm. No after school care or classes.
APRIL	16	School reopens
	23	Y8 & 9 HPV Vaccines
	26	Class group photographs
	30	Y7, 8 & 9 exams