

Newsletter



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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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Clive Mark Uniform Sale Saturday 4 February

The Clive Mark pop-up shop will be visiting school on Saturday 4 February 9.00 - 11.30 in the downstairs front classroom of the senior school. Would parents please let me know if they have a problem with orders so that I can contact the company before the sale. The sooner the better please. This will be an ideal opportunity for parents to ensure pupils have the correct uniform for sports classes and to pre-order summer uniform.

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 7 February

Next Tuesday 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> Some senior and upper junior pupils however still have not purchased the £5 flash drives from the office which are needed as per the Child Protection E-Safety letter given to pupils and signed by parents and the email sent on 13 September '16.

Private Lesson Showcase Tuesday 14 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.**

For the romantic amongst you, the evening should finish by 7.45 at the latest giving you plenty of time to celebrate St Valentine's Day!

CBBC Got What It Takes?

Congratulations to Kellimarie, our Year 9 singer songwriter/guitar player, who is taking part in the second series of CBBC talent finding show "Got what it takes?". The first programme is on Tuesday 7 February 4.55pm and continues for ten weeks. Kellimarie and her mum filmed the show last summer, but have been unable to share it with us until now.

"The TV show takes eight "super-talented youngsters" and puts them (and their mums) through the mill, giving them challenges to earn points towards a place in the final in week ten. There are three places in a sing off each week, two are won by the candidates themselves and the third is won by the mother, completing some sort of physical challenge! The more points achieved, the better the chance of an appearance in the final, which is in week ten."

"The eleventh show is "The Winner's Story" which culminates in a guest spot in BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend alongside many of their idols in the music industry. That said, during the competition, the youngsters meet and rub shoulders with the likes of Nick Grimshaw, Calum Scott, Tony Mortimer of East 17 and The Vamps. **The ninth week will be open to a free public vote to determine the finalists.**"

On Monday we will send one of Kelli's flyers home with pupils. The more people who vote for Kelli the better. Details will be given during the broadcast of the show. Last year she represented us in the Rotary Young Entertainer Inter Schools competition at the Belgrade Theatre, where she was placed 2nd and also at the Rotary Young Musician competition at Bablake.

In other words, Kelli has represented school admirably on numerous occasions and I very much hope I can depend on you and your family and friends to vote for her.

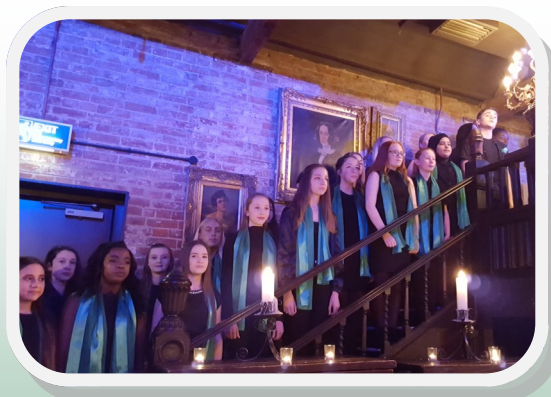
Congratulations

A week last Saturday was a very exciting day for the senior choir who sang absolutely beautifully at Miss Amanda's wedding at Coombe Abbey. Head Girl Kamilla deserves particular mention for her splendid solo performance.

In the evening the Musical Theatre students amazed the guests with an energetic, exciting Can Can. It was a lovely occasion for all concerned and one that Mr & Mrs England (Miss Amanda and her husband) will never forget.

The following day Miss Jess's Troupe competed in their first competitive dance festival at Bishop Ullathorne in the Intermediate Cabaret section. The standard in the class was extremely high and our pupils performed admirably, much to the delight of the many parents who supported them. All agreed that it was a most entertaining afternoon from which the children will have learned a great deal.

Congratulations to the Musical Theatre students who last Sunday competed in the Open section of the competition coming first with the highest marks of the festival so far!



Medical Appointments

Could I please ask parents to send in a brief note if pupils are going to be absent for dental or medical appointments rather than phone or even email the very busy school office. These notes are kept with the registers and need to be available to show any inspector on demand.

Pencil Cases

In the Prep School at the moment it seems to be fashionable for Junior pupils to have a collection of expensive pencil cases which are distracting pupils from their work and wasting time, not to mention parents' money! Could I please ask that pupils bring just one ordinary pencil case. Reception and Infant pupils do not need a pencil case. Thank you.

After School Activities

Some Prep School children are so busy being taken to numerous activities after school that reading, and homework in general, is not being properly done, if done at all, and the children are too tired to concentrate in class. It is important that children have a regular, relaxing, bedtime routine and a good night's sleep if they are to wake refreshed and able to benefit from their learning. According to experts 3-6 year olds need 11-13 hours sleep, 7-11 year olds need 10-11 hours sleep.

Grapes

Will parents please ensure that grapes are cut in half length ways if children bring them to school. You may remember that not long ago a pupil at a local school sadly choked on a grape and died.

DIARY DATES

FEB	4	Clive Mark Uniform Pop-up shop 9 - 11.30am	6	Gideons Assembly
	7	Safer Internet Day	10	National Citizen Programme Presentation Year 11
	13	Year 11 Meningitis Vaccine & Y9 HPV	14	Music Showcase for Private Lesson pupils & Choirs 6.30pm
	17	Break-up for half term at end of day. Dancing as normal	27	School re-opens
MARCH	1	Prep School Parents' Evening	2	Year 8 Parents' Evening 5pm
	5	Reunion Tea Dance	9	Year 7 Parents' Evening 5pm
	10	Students at Move It	17	Years 9, 10 & 11 to Big Bang Fair NEC
	21	Drama Showcase	23	Y7 & 8 Outing to The Tempest, Stratford
	24	Mothers' Day Assembly for EY & YR 9am	27	Nuneaton Drama Festival
	30	Year 9 Parents' Evening 5pm	31	LAMDA exams
APRIL	2	LCM Singing Exams	4	Taster Day for Student Course
	5	Easter Celebrations 2pm	6	School Closes for Easter at end of day
	24	School re-opens	27	Class Group photos