

Newsletter



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Dear Parents

We are forever hearing in the media about the problems caused by information technology. Below I hope you will find the two items helpful. It is important that home and school work together in the best interests of your children. I know I can rely on your support in this matter.

A reminder please as always, never to hesitate to contact us should you have concerns. We are here to do the best for your children.

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Panorama Sleepless Britain

By now all senior pupils and the Juniors, except those who are absent, will have seen the excellent Panorama programme about the importance of sleep and its effect on educational attainment, that I emailed parents about on Tuesday.

I cannot emphasise enough the importance of parents viewing this. Sleep deprivation can result in young people being two years behind their potential academic achievement. It deals with children of all ages from 2 year olds to GCSE students and I feel very strongly that you, as parents, obviously value education, or else your children would not be here. **Please do watch the programme on BBC iPlayer if you have not already done so.**

Snapchat Bullying

As you may have seen in the press recently, there is an worrying new "game" that is becoming popular with young people.

The "Letter X" craze encourages children to post "the most vile abuse imaginable".

This cruel new "game" begins when one child picks a victim, others then pile in with cruel insults about weight, appearance and personality. The communication is transmitted using the Snapchat application. Children then compete to come up with the worst possible insults about the victim. Up to 16 members can be added to a group, even without their consent. All members of the group will see the insults.

How to keep safe on Snapchat

- **Block the user.**
- **Flag underage users.** If you are concerned about a person using Snapchat who is under 13, you can report the person by sending an email to support@snapchat.com.
- **Report abuse.** If a child receives inappropriate photos or someone's harassing them, contact Snapchat via safety@snapchat.com or by going to the Snapchat online support site.
- **Delete the account.** If Snapchat isn't for you (or your child) you can delete the account by going to [http://www.snapchat.com/a/delete_account\(link is external\)](http://www.snapchat.com/a/delete_account(link%20is%20external)), as long as you have the user name and password.

For further advice and information on Snapchat and other social networks please go to www.parentinfo.org.

Dave Moorcroft Assembly

On Monday I am delighted that we are able to welcome former Olympic world record holder, Dave Moorcroft, to our assembly.

He is a patron of the Coventry Children's Boot Fund and he is coming to thank all those Senior pupils who helped pack shopping in M& S just before Christmas .

We have raised over £10,000 over the past 12 Christmases for this much needed charity.

Cream Tea Dance Reunion Sunday 5 March

I was delighted to welcome so many former pupils to the Cream Tea event that Miss Monique and Mrs Bentley (both former pupils) had organised.

Pupils from the 70s, 80, 90s and 00s came from far and wide to catch up with friends. I was very proud to hear of their various achievements and would love to hear what other former pupils are doing, years after they have left, so that we can create an alumni page on our website. Please do pass this on to former pupils you may know so they can get in touch. Thank you.

Science at Pattisons

Mrs Patria and Mr Dodd accompanied Year 11 pupils to the The Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry to spend time with brain scientists from the School of Life Sciences at the University of Warwick finding our more about our Amazing Brains. to spend time with brain scientists from the School of Life Sciences at the University of Warwick finding our more about our Amazing Brains. As the only group there they were given undivided attention by the experts and apparently were asking really searching questions. Not only that, Mr Dodd survived being nearly electrocuted, all in the name of Science!

On Friday 17 March Years 9, 10 & 11 will be spending the day at the NEC for the Big Bang: UK Young Scientists' and Engineers' Fair .Mrs Patria, Mr Dodd and Mr North will once again be accompanying pupils to the Centre. The coach should return by 4pm but parents will be notified if there is a delay.

Mothers' Day Assembly Friday 24 March

The Early Years and Infants will be inviting their mothers and grandmas to a Mothers' Day assembly on Friday 24 March. This will start promptly at 8.45 to allow Mrs Green's class to leave at 9.15 to go with the juniors to Warwick Castle.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Once again we are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. One voucher is issued for every £10 spent at all Sainsbury's Supermarkets, and for each £5 spent at Sainsbury's Locals. The scheme runs until 2 May. All vouchers will be gratefully received.

DIARY DATES

MARCH	10	Students at Move It in London	13	David Moorcroft Assembly
	17	Years 9, 10 & 11 to Big Bang Fair NEC	19	Troupe & Students compete in Desford Festival
	21	Drama Showcase	22	PGL Information Evening 5.15pm
	23	Y7 & 8 Outing to The Tempest, Stratford	24	Mothers' Day Assembly for EY & YR 8.50am
	24	UI, LJ, UJ outing to Warwick Castle	26	Troupe & Students compete in Desford Festival
	27	No Street Dance Classes	28	Nuneaton Drama Festival
	30	Year 9 Parents' Evening 5pm	31	LAMDA exams
APRIL	2	LCM Singing Exams	3	Rev William Easter Assembly
	5	Easter Celebrations 2pm	6	School Closes for Easter at end of day no dancing
	24	School re-opens	27	Class Group photos
MAY	1	Closed for Bank Holiday Monday	2	Year 7, 8 & 9 exams all week
	8	SATS week	10	PTA meeting
	12	Y11 to Drayton Manor	12	PGL Adventure weekend
	14	Students & Troupe in Charity Cabaret at Coventry University	29	May Half Term
JUNE	5	School reopens	10	School Show Rehearsals in school hall
	15	Y11 Geography field trip	17	School Show Dress Rehearsals in school hall
	20	LAMDA exams	23	Show rehearsals at Albany Theatre
	24	School show—two performances	26	School closed (Inset)

School closes for summer at 3pm on Wednesday 19 July and reopens on Wednesday 6 September