



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 15TH APRIL 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your families had a peaceful Easter break.

We have had an excellent start to our new term. I am pleased to report that the following members of staff joined us at the beginning of the week:

Mr C Bailey	Deputy Head of Science
Miss S Lennon	Teacher of Drama
Mrs P Hickson	LSA
Mr C Keats	LSA
Miss L Smith	LSA
Mrs S VAID	LSA

I look forward to meeting with you again at some of this term's events and please come along to my Open Door session on 10th May from 4.30pm — 6.30 pm if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education.

**Mr M Mayne, Head**

### Important: Messages for Parents/Carers / Letters home

#### Message from Bucks County Council

Dear Parents/Carers

##### Tell us what you need from transport in Buckinghamshire

As part of a review of transport services provided by Buckinghamshire County Council, we are seeking the views of residents in Waddesdon, Chesham, Buckingham and the surrounding rural areas as well as High Wycombe about their needs. By transport services we mean both public transport and supported transport (for example home to school transport and funded taxis). What we learn will help us when making decisions around transport in the future. We have an online survey that we would like residents to complete and we are also really keen to hear from people who would like to be involved in more detail such as by attending a focus group or completing a telephone interview, if you are please email [jadouglass@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:jadouglass@buckscc.gov.uk) to register your interest.

The survey can be found at <https://www.research.net/r/TransportNeedsSurvey> and on the Buckinghamshire County Council website under 'Have your say!'

#### Message for Y11 and Y10 Parents/Carers:

On Monday 25th April students will continue with normal lessons and preparation for their exams. However to support them in the lead up to their GCSEs, Year 11 students will take part in a workshop called "Exam Busters" with an outside company called 'PositivelyMAD' during 2 periods in the day, while Year 10 students will be working with them for two hours focusing on study skills, to support their learning through the final one and a half years of the GCSE study programme.

A letter with further details about this is attached.

Miss Roser, Y11 Academic Leader, Mr Mohan, Y10 Academic Leader

**Student Transport:** If parents/carers have any issues/questions re school transport, all calls should be directed to the dedicated Transport Team at County on: 01296 387439.

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## Some important dates from our Parent/Carer Calendar—Summer Term 2016

Monday, 25th April Years 12 &13 Academic Review Day

Wednesday 27th April 2nd HPV Vaccinations, Year 8 girls \* Please see message below from Matron

Thursday 28th April Year 7 Parent Carer Consultation 4.30—7pm / Details to follow

Friday, 6th May Mufti Day—South Bucks Hospice - £2

Tuesday, 10th May—Head's Open Door \*4.30—\*6.30 pm / Parent Council Meeting \*6.30—\*7.30 pm

(\* Please note revised timings)

### **Important—Re Parent/Carer Calendar**

***From the start of the Summer Term parents/carers will need to refer to the school website parent calendar for any updates/changes.***

Message from Matron

\*The girls' 2nd HPV vaccinations will be on Wednesday 27 April 2016

The [HPV vaccine](#) is given as two injections into the upper arm over a six to 24 month period. Both doses are needed for the vaccine to work.

Thank you, Matron

### **SWR Honours:**

Please see the following details of those students who have been nominated and awarded with the SWR Honours badges in recognition of their exceptional commitment to our seven school values.

<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Form Tutor</b>	<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Value</b>
7.1	Ms Hay	Apryl Scorer	Ambition
7.3	Mr D Hutton	Rajwayne Bryan	Courage
7.6	Ms R Warren	Ruby Rossiter	Courage
7.7	Mr D Thomas	Joshua John	Compassion
<b>Year 8</b>			
8.4	Mr S Balloo	Rochelle Douglas	Courage
8.5	Ms S Barlow	Nicholas Lawley	Commitment
8.6	Ms G Muttitt	Oliver Edwards	Respect
<b>Year 9</b>			
9.3	Mrs J Pitt	Megan Verity	Commitment
9.4	Ms N Ullah	Olivia Smith	Commitment
9.5	Miss A Bigham	Sebastian Ciocan	Trust
<b>Year 10</b>			
10.2	Miss M Dahl	Ella Byrne	Ambition
10.4	Miss A Thomas	Nicola Bird	Ambition

## Message from the English Department

In addition to our rich and varied Key Stage 3 curriculum, there are many extra-curricular, enrichment and extension opportunities for Key Stage 3 pupils in English:



- As in previous years, the school will be taking part in 'shadowing' the Carnegie Children's Book Awards this Spring. Children and young people all over the UK 'shadow' the judging process for the CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards; they read, discuss and review the books on each shortlist selected by CILIP's panel of Librarian judges and engage in reading related activity online. Young people taking part are known as 'shadowers'. The scheme has thousands of registered reading groups across the UK and Internationally - engaging tens of thousands of children and young people in reading. Reading activity takes place from March to June; from the moment that the shortlists are revealed to the final winners announcement. Anyone in Years 7-9 is invited to join Miss Brewster and Mrs Hallam in the LRC each Thursday Lunchtime to borrow shortlisted books and share their love of reading.
- Key Stage 3 Literacy club takes place on Wednesdays between 3pm and 4pm in F2; it is geared towards preparing students for Year 9 onwards, where they will begin to look at GCSE material. This is an opportunity for students to develop their literacy and writing skills with experienced English teachers. Students will be able to develop their SPAG (spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) skills that are essential in order to excel in the new GCSE specification. Students are also welcome to attend these sessions if they require additional support with writing skills or ask questions about English homework.

## Year 13 Parents/Carers re 'Finishing Line' – Elevate Education - 21st April 2016

Year 13 students have the opportunity to attend a practical, interactive training seminar aimed at students identifying areas needing improvement prior to the exam period. This seminar is a great motivation and an opportunity to set short term goals so they can achieve their full potential in A Levels. Details can be found at [www.elevateeducation.com](http://www.elevateeducation.com)

We have negotiated a discounted rate for our students and would like to request a voluntary contribution of £3.00, per student, to cover the cost of this valuable and positive training. For the students who attend, this will be added as a payment option on Parentpay after the event. You can pay online or use the barcode letter given to all students present on the day to pay cash at any of the Paypoint machines available in local retail shops.

## Message from the Art Department

The end of Year 11 Art, Photography and Graphics exams and the Year 13 Graphics and Photography classes are starting next week. In this exam they create a final piece. Students have been working on the preparation for it since February and they are all aware of when their exam is. The exam and the preparation work is worth 40% of their final grade and all of the work must be handed in on the last day of their exam. If you or any student has any questions, they should ask their teacher or speak to Miss Warren, Head of Art.

### Year 11

11.4 Photography - 18th and 19th April

11.1 Graphics - 20th and 21st April

11.3 Photography - 20th and 21st April

11.3 Photography - 25th and 26th April

11.3 Art - 25th and 26th April

11.1 Art 27th and 28th April

### Year 13

Year 13 Graphics - 27th, 28th, 29th April

Year 13 Photography - 3rd, 4th, 5th May

**After the exam the students will work back into their coursework which is worth 60% of their final grade. The deadline for submitting this is 3pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please let Miss Warren know.

## Splurgetastic!!

# BUGSY MALONE



We interrupt this newsletter to bring you an important news flash...Reports are coming in of a gangland incident on the Lower East Side involving a certain cast of talented students, some brilliant Oscar-winning songs, delightful dancing and introducing the fearsome new splurge gun.

Yes, Bugsy Malone, Fat Sam and Dandy Dan, those famous hoodlums from Prohibition Chicago were rumoured to have been entertaining crowds at Sir William Ramsay School's Theatre, in this homage to two classic Hollywood genres: musicals and mobsters.

For an eye witness view of this sensational event, we told our reporter on the spot to get down there pronto!

"We love the whole experience and the different costumes," Elizabeth told me. "It's all been amazing and so creative to be part of." Fat Sam's Grand Slam dancers were equally enthusiastic, "It's lovely dressing up and doing hair and make up – just like being a model." When asked which was their favourite song, Hattie and Charlotte, who play Tallulah and Blousey, both agreed; "Oh, we love the final number "Give a Little Love" as it's such a fun group number – it's been fun working all together". The show has some great set piece numbers which seem to contain the whole cast and are a credit to the directors and choreographer – and of course, musicians. "Those numbers were such fun to rehearse!"

Everyone agreed they'd love to be in another show soon.

The evening is not short on comedy; having met the 'main man' and his 4 stooges they confided that actually hearing laughter from an audience was "surprising" but very pleasing. Their engaging bungling won us all over but then they were splurged! Their favourite song was "Bad Guys". Talking of splurge – they went on, "you're lying on the floor, foam is up your nose, in your ears, down your shirt and yet you cannot move a muscle." Such self control! (They then confided it was oddly "refreshing.")



Finally, your reporter on the spot met Bugsy himself, played by Aaron Wood – favourite number 'Down and Out' – who said "this is a song about determination." He added that he'd really enjoyed all the many shows he'd taken part in at Ramsay. Judging by audience response, they loved it too.



A huge well done to all, not just actors, dancers, singers, but also to the talented orchestra, backstage assistants, make up artists, costumiers, wardrobe, and certainly not forgetting a huge congratulations to the Performing Arts Department for notching up another huge hit!

Mrs Garrett

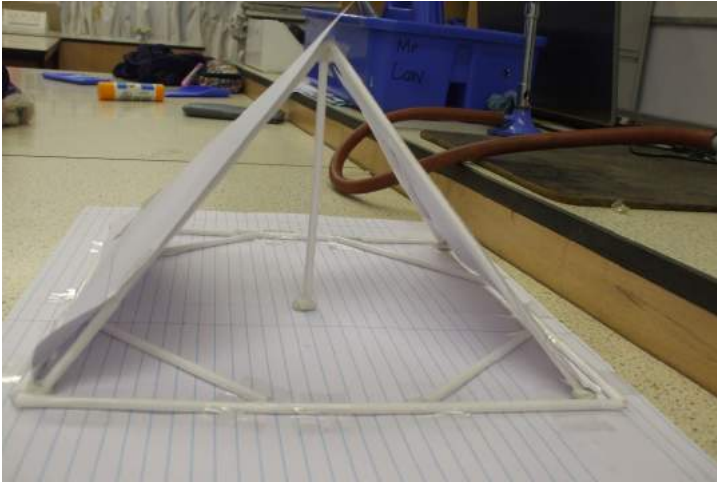


## Science week

Science week was upon us once more and the topic this year was 'SPACE'. It was not just about outer space but the word space and anything associated with it. For example, we had open space, built space and personal space. The KS3 lessons during science week were based around the idea of space and the students had the opportunity to discuss and put their ideas into practise.

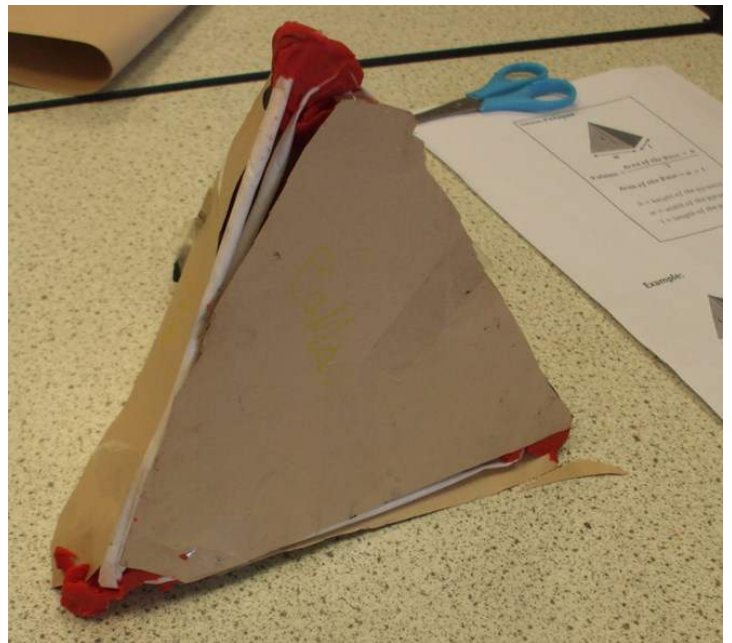


**Personal space** – the students had to design an experiment to test the limits of each other's personal space. They had to measure the distance that they felt comfortable in with regard to different individuals based on gender and friendship groups.



**Built space** – the students had to create a pyramid that was a set volume, and the pyramid had to be sturdy enough to withstand the elements.

**Outer space** – the students were tasked with creating their own unique exoplanet. They had to research and explain the properties of their created exoplanets such as the atmosphere or the mass.



It was a great opportunity for the students to think about science in a new light and broaden their ideas and linking science to obscure topics.

**Mr Law**