



House Bridge

The House Bridge competition was a close fought affair this year and all the teams were in it until the final hand.

When the dust settled it appeared that Kirkman had just edged it from a very strong Prothero team (which would have won easily except for a penalty for fielding an ineligible player). Collins came third followed by Wellman, Mabbs and Johnson (whose solitary player acquitted herself with great panache but was handicapped by facing teams of four).

The competition was conducted in great spirit and next year's competition is eagerly awaited. All the Houses will need new players as the majority of the teams came from Y13 - if you don't yet know how to play it's never too soon to start learning.

Mr Handscombe

Year 10

This week students have been issued with a booklet outlining for every subject any coursework requirements, modular exams and details on exam dates and revision requirements. For any further information please contact either me or the subject teacher directly.

Thank you.

Miss Squires, Director of Studies

Information Evening for Year 11 and 12 students and their parents

There will be an information evening on Thursday 31st March for students who are interested in applying for some courses for which extra preparation is helpful: Oxbridge, medicine, law, English, history & politics, science, economics and business, science, geography, languages and sport science & physiotherapy in particular. The evening will begin at 6pm (and end shortly after 7pm), and parents and students will have the opportunity to discuss with teachers and students who have been through the process what sort of preparation and extra experience is helpful in making their applications as strong as possible. Please collect a letter from Ms Stoddard if you are interested.

Ms Stoddard

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 22nd March ~ Spring Concert
Wednesday 23rd March ~ Year 7 Reports issued
Thursday 24th March ~ Year 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 25th March ~ House Showcase Evening
Thursday 31st March ~ Year 8 & 12 Reports issued
Monday 4th April ~ Year 9 exams in class all week

MFL Exams

A reminder to all Year 10 students and their parents/guardians:

The next official GCSE speaking assessment for both MFL 1 and MFL 2 will take place during the week of the 21st -25th March and the week of the 26th-28th April.

Students will receive the time of their exams from their teachers but absolutely must ensure that they attend at the correct time and are properly prepared for their exam.

Many thanks and good luck!

Miss Slater

Notices

HPV vaccinations ~ Friday 25th is the 3rd HPV session for Year 8. Please wear a blouse where the sleeve can be rolled to the top of the arm. May I also remind you to eat breakfast on that day as a number of girls who felt faint after receiving the injection reported that they had not had breakfast.

Many thanks.

School Nurse

Tesco Vouchers ~ we have signed up with the Tesco for Schools and Clubs scheme again this year. This runs from Monday 28th February until Sunday 8th May. Please send your vouchers in to school. Thank you in advance for your support.

Pat Hamilton Science dept.

The New Senior Prefect Team

While the ECM day was underway last week a number of Year 12 students were being interviewed for the positions of Senior Prefect and Deputy Prefects.

The process involved students being invited to apply for these prestigious positions following a student and staff ballot of nominations. Fourteen students were then invited to apply and they wrote letters of application and were interviewed by two panels comprised of members of the current team plus Mr Gilmore, Mr Griffin, Mr Morgan and Mr Welsh. The interviews were searching and rigorous and the panels then appointed a team of 9.

Mr Welsh said, "The quality of candidates this year was extremely high and it was difficult to cut the number of the team to a manageable size. I am delighted that our Sixth Form students are so keen to be supportive of the school. The interview performances were very good and the confidence on display was on a par with many interviews for positions on our staff!"

The new Senior Prefect is: Naomi Wass.

Deputy Prefects are: Natalie Aylward, Adebayo Bishi, Erin Bullions, James Fernandes, Robert Johnson, Alexander Jones, Bryony Snelling and Joseph Thompson-Oubari.

Current House Leader board March 2011		
1 st	Prothero	231
2 nd	Kirkman	201
3 rd	Wellman	188
4 th	Johnson	186
5 th	Mabbs	156
6 th	Collins	139

BGSPA Golf Society Day:

Friday 4th March 2011 (monies raised £333!)

The PA and Andy Britton in particular would like to thank everybody who turned out on Friday 4th March to make the first BGSPA Golf Society Day the great success it was (more details in The PAper Edition 4 to be circulated next term).



(John Goode receiving the winning trophy from Andy Britton)

We look forward to organising many more Golf Days for all to enjoy and help raise funds for our School.

Next Parents' Association Meeting

Wednesday 23rd March 2011 at 7.30pm in the Sixth Form Centre.

We are planning for Summer Term and would love more parents to get involved, even if it's just for an hour or two. If you are unable to make Wednesday's meeting and would like to know more, please email Ann at ann.mcgau@gmail.com.

Merits

Well done to Maya Kirby 7EP who has achieved 100 merits.
Keep up the good work. *Mr Crawford*

Congratulations go to Manraj Bains 8LRB for successfully reaching 50 merits. Well done!
Mrs Kemp