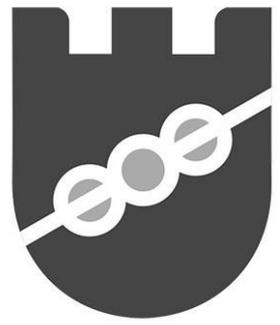


# SIR THOMAS BOUGHEY BULLETIN

21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2017



## AWARDS EVENING

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate again all of the pupils who received awards and were nominated for an award at last week's awards evening. It is always an enjoyable evening where we get to celebrate the successes of pupils across the board. We would also like to thank our guest speaker Mr David Hughes who delivered a very poignant speech on the evening. Any pupil who was awarded a prize but couldn't make the evening please see Mrs Bailey to collect a copy of the programme and your prize or certificate.

## YEAR 11 MOCKS

This week sees the start of the mock exams for our Year 11 pupils. We would like to remind pupils of the importance of arriving prepared, having a good breakfast remember and remembering to bring the correct stationery. This we hope will give them the opportunity to see the areas of focus needed to prepare for the GCSE exams in the summer.

We would like to wish all of our Year 11 pupils good luck.

## MINNIE PIT MEETING

January 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the worst mining disaster in Staffordshire. 155 men and boys lost their lives on that day and this had a huge impact on the community, and not least the school, where some of the boys had attended just a few weeks before. The school would like to commemorate and pay their respects to the families who lost their loved ones on that day. We will be hosting a public meeting on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November between 10.00 – 12.00 and would appreciate your involvement. We are aiming to involve pupils as part of the community march as well as participating in other ways through the creative arts as a school.

Pupils will be bringing a letter home with information, please look out for it and we hope to see you on Saturday.

## YEAR 11 MATHS APP

The Maths Faculty is launching the use of a digital revision tool which will support your child's progress in the subject. It is called the PixL Maths App and is designed to be user friendly and enables pupils to practice their Mathematics whenever and wherever they choose. It works on the basis of your child initially testing themselves in the subject. The App will then analyse the results and suggest areas for improvement, providing help videos so any areas of weakness can be addressed. We are holding an information evening where we can provide more details of how it works so that you can be fully involved in your child's learning throughout this crucial year. The evening will take place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.**

## YEAR 11 SUMMER OPPORTUNITY

Last Thursday NCS (National Citizen Service) came into school to deliver an assembly to Year 11 pupils. This is a fantastic opportunity that they can take part in over the summer. The scheme involves outdoor activities, creative opportunities and charity work. Over a four week period the students experience camping in an outward bound centre and living in student accommodation. Participation in this scheme will impress employers and provide an opportunity for students to gain confidence and independence. For more information go to [www.ncsyes.co.uk](http://www.ncsyes.co.uk)

## CAREER EVENTS

Over the next two weeks we have a number of events taking place in school. The first is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November where Year 11 pupils will see a live stream from Dr Michael Reis who lectures at Leeds University on 'Primeval Slime'. Science fans will have the opportunity to ask Dr Reis questions via a text link as the lecture progresses.

On November 28<sup>th</sup> employees from the Davies Group (which is a local based company who deliver operations management, consulting and digital solutions to organisations in highly regulated markets, including insurance, financial services, utilities, communications, and to regulatory bodies) will be speaking to a selection of boys across the year groups about success in the workplace.

On December the 1<sup>st</sup> Professor of Journalism Mick Temple will be giving a lecture to all Year 10 pupils on the media and its influence on society.

## TRANSITION

This week eight Year 8 pupils will be going to The Richard Heathcote Community Primary School to work with year 6 pupils making biscuits. We will be going out to other local primary schools to work with pupils over the next couple of months.

## YEAR 8 PROGRESS EVENING

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November is Year 8 progress evening. As you will be aware we are operating an appointment system this year. A letter with appointment times will be given to pupils this week. If you require a lengthy conversation with a member of staff please can you contact the office to arrange this as the appointment times will need to be prompt.

## STAFFING UPDATE

As some parents and pupils may have seen Mr Cumberland at our Awards evening looking well, we are delighted to report that Mr Cumberland is returning to work. This will be a gradual re-introduction over a number of weeks and we will be sure to look after him. Welcome back Mr Cumberland!

## YEAR 11 REPORT CARDS

Parents will receive Year 11 reports cards week commencing the 4<sup>th</sup> December. A text will be sent to you when these have been given out to pupils.

## SCHOOL GATEWAY APP

We have now completely swapped over to the school gateway app. This means all texts and emails are sent through this. If you have not yet registered then we would recommend you do so that you receive all communications from school. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23<sup>rd</sup> November – Year 8 Progress Evening

22<sup>nd</sup> November – Year 11 Mock Exams begin

12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 7 Christmas Concert

13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 11 reports out to parents

19<sup>th</sup> December – School finishes today for Christmas holiday