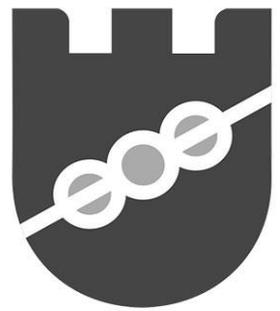


SIR THOMAS BOUGHEY BULLETIN

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YOUNG VOICES

On Thursday 25th January Miss Miller will be taking our singing group Harmonize to the MEN in Manchester to take part in the largest school concert in the world. Pupils will be part of a choir of between 5000 – 8000 pupils singing with a full live band, backing singers and the internationally acclaimed conductor David Lawrence. It is one of the most exciting and memorable musical experiences for pupils.

AUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL & NEWCASTLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Following the fantastic play area upgrade at Alsager Road (Audley), the council are now looking to upgrade Halmer End (Harrison Close) play area, spending circa £60k. Pupils have been asked to have an input as to what type of equipment they would like. Some pupils have already voted but the rest of the school will be given the opportunity to vote this week during tutor time. This information will then be passed to the council. It is firmly believed that if pupils get involved at the planning stage they are more likely to look after the equipment when it is in place. We will keep you up to date with developments.

LEGO LEAGUE

We are very excited to be taking part in our first Lego League Regional Tournament this week. Over the last term pupils have been working on building and programming a robot to take part in a range of challenges. They will now have the opportunity to compete with other teams from the local area. We wish them luck and hope they get through to the next round.

PE EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Is your child studying GCSE PE? Do they want a chance to get a better grade? If the answer is yes then pupils are asked to come along to badminton club on a Wednesday lunch time where they can practice and receive tips about techniques to obtain a better grade.

The PE department runs many clubs at lunch time and after school. If you would like any further information please call 01782 729400 or ask your child to speak to a member of staff in the PE department.

KS5 EVENING

Deciding what to do after school is an important decision and one that we like to be able to support. On Thursday 25th January Year 10 and Year 11 pupils, along with parents, are invited to come along to our Key Stage 5 evening. On the evening we have representatives from local colleges and apprenticeship providers who you will be able to talk to and get information about opportunities available and how to apply.

In addition to the Key Stage 5 evening, all Year 11 pupils are given appointments to see the careers adviser in school. During the Summer Term some Year 10 pupils will also be seen. If you would like your son / daughter to speak with the careers advisor, please call the school on 01782 729400.

MOCK INTERVIEW EVENING

Preparation is the key! With this in mind we like to offer Year 11 pupils the opportunity to experience an interview. The evening is always well supported by pupils, staff and professionals. Beforehand pupils generally dread what is to come and feel quite nervous but afterwards they feedback how much they enjoyed the experience and feel that it was valuable and worthwhile.

On Tuesday 6th February Miss Carter has arranged for a range of outside businesses, professionals and colleges to come into school and interview our Year 11 pupils in an area of their choice. We ask that pupils treat this like a real interview and therefore come prepared in the correct attire and beforehand they will have completed a CV, letter and personal statement that the professionals will look through and provide feedback on.

If any Year 11 hasn't yet spoken to Miss Carter about this, please do so as soon as possible as interview times are getting booked up.

YEAR 8 PATHWAYS EVENING

Letters went home with pupils last week inviting you along to the Year 8 Pathways evening on Thursday 1st February. This is an important evening for pupils and you will get valuable information to help your discussions with your child in making their choices.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are extremely pleased to report that Mr Morray will be joining us until Easter. Mr Morrey is an experienced teacher of Maths and is replacing Miss Wild who left at Christmas. We have recently completed the recruitment process and are pleased to announce that we have appointed a new Second in Maths - Mr Mason who comes with a fantastic track record. Mr Mason will be joining us from Easter.

CASHLESS CATERING

If your child has not yet had their biometric scan for the cashless catering system please collect a letter from the office. The letter has a permission slip that needs to be signed by parents. Once this is received we can arrange for the print to be taken. Thank you to those who returned the slips recently; all prints will be done before the end of January.

Parents, you can also give permission for the daily spend to be increased by getting a letter from the office and completing it. We hope that the more pupils we have using the biometric scan the slicker the system will become and wait times will be reduced.

EXAMS

Exams are a very important part of school life and we try to help pupils get into the routine of what to expect right from Year 7. The next pupils due to sit exams are Year 9. They will be issued with information and a timetable this week. Please encourage your child to eat before school, check that they have the correct equipment and arrive ready for the exam. The exams dates are as follows:-

Year 9 Exams – Monday 5th February – Friday 9th February

Year 11 Mock 2 Exams – Thursday 1st March – Friday 15th March

GCSE Exams – Monday 14th May – Friday 22nd June

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th January – Key Stage 5 Evening

1st February – Year 8 Pathways Evening

6th February – Year 11 Mock Interview Evening

5th February – Year 9 Exams

9th February – Year 11 photographs

15th February – Year 11 Progress Evening

19th February – 25th February – Half Term