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## **Welcome Back!**

This is a very important term for students in all year groups with preparation for GCSEs and A levels, as well as a number of coursework pieces, controlled assignments, practical and oral examinations. **"The County Courier"** will continue to be sent home **every Friday by ParentMail** to keep all sections of our school community informed of all dates, deadlines and events. It is also posted on our **website** each Friday by the end of the day.

## **Clubs and Activities for the Spring Term 2019**

We are pleased to publish this term's programme overleaf and remain enormously grateful to all the staff who offer such an amazing breadth and depth of activity. We continue to encourage every student to participate in at least one activity each week.

## **Astronomy Evening**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 5.30-8.30pm - Come and join the County Upper staff, GCSE Astronomy students, science ambassadors and Dr. Mark Gallaway on a journey through space! There will be activities for all ages which include an introductory talk, **a planetarium, an interactive quiz, flame testing, hands on activities, observations** of celestial objects (weather permitting) with our telescopes, along with a workshop on the discovery of and hunting exoplanets. **Our PTA will be providing refreshments** (jacket potatoes, soup etc.) this year to enhance your evening.

The event is **free** for general admission, however, with only **30 spaces** for each session in the planetarium, you will need to book this in advance to avoid missing out – there are **two 45 min slots** in which you can book via the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/astronomy-evening-tickets-51332733588>

## **SOS from the Japanese/Science Departments**

We are still looking for host families for Japanese students visiting for 3 nights in March (18th-21st). Please let Mrs Browning know if you can help.

## **Year Group News**

### **Year 9**

- Parents were **emailed via ParentMail this morning** with their appointments for the parents' evening to be held on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January between 4.30 and 7.30 pm**. In the upper phase it is usual for children to accompany their parents for the discussions. This evening is to review progress to date. **On Tuesday**, you should receive, via your child, an **academic report** to reflect your child's academic progress last term. A covering letter will be sent **via ParentMail**. The report should be brought to the parents' evening. **The individual discussions about options take place in March.**
- During this term Year 9 students will be having some sex education lessons during their **Religion and Ethics** lessons. If you have any questions about this please contact Mrs Kingston ([skingston@burytrust.org](mailto:skingston@burytrust.org))

### **Year 10**

#### **Parents' Evenings for Year 10**

This term Year 10 parents will have a choice of two evenings when they can discuss their children's progress with their subject teachers. These are:  
**Wednesday 16th January, 4.30–6 pm**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 4.30–7 pm**  
**Emails will be sent via Parentmail a week before each of the above dates.** This is an important stage in the GCSE courses and we would like to see as many parents as can possibly get to one of the two evenings.

### **Year 11**

The **written practice examinations** start on Monday. Students had their timetable with their revision guides before Christmas.

### **Year 13**

The year 13 **practice examinations** start on **Tuesday 15th January**. Students will have full **examination leave** from the 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, returning on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, except those studying Technical Awards where staff will notify students when they are required to be in.

## **Fixtures**

8<sup>th</sup> Jan - U16 Girls Basketballs v TGS @home  
10<sup>th</sup> Jan - Cross Country Race B @Woodbridge

## **The All-Through Trust Newsletter**

The edition for the second half term of the academic year has been **sent by ParentMail today** and is available on the Trust's website.



## Clubs, Activities and Extension GCSEs for the Spring Term 2019

We are pleased to publish this term's list of regular clubs, activities and extension GCSEs. In addition, there will be the usual wide, regular range of one-off activities and trips notified as they occur. The staff give freely and generously of their time to ensure that there is a huge range and depth of activity on offer and we encourage every student to consider at least one extra curricular activity.

	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
<b>Monday</b>	Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Dance (Gym) Sax Quartet GCSE Rock Band Japanese for All (Library from 7.40 am)	Yr10/Yr11 & 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Netball (Courts) Yr 9 Boys' Football (Field) Open Badminton (Sports Hall) Open Academy Basketball (Gym) Swing Band Spanish (Room 21 at 1.55 pm) Creative Writing Club (Room 11 at 1.15 pm) Latin (Community Lounge)	Yr 13 Physics Problem Solving (S1 at 4.00 pm) Science Club (S block 3.45-4.45pm) Connexus Netball & Football (Sports Hall/Field) Yr 9 Netball (Sports Hall) Yr 9 Football (Field) U19 Academy Basketball (Gym) Trust Festivals Academy Golf (The Suffolk GC) Fixtures
<b>Tuesday</b>	Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Flute Group Music Theory Class Chamber Ensemble	Open Hockey (Astro) Yr 9 Netball (Courts) Table Tennis (Gym) Open Body Balance (Gym) Wind Band Computer Science (Robotic completion – girls only) 1.10pm Yr 12 Maths for Physicists (S1)	Astronomy (CC1) 4.30-6.30pm Open Trampoline (Mini Hall) Yr 10/Yr 11 & 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Netball (Sports Hall) Fixtures
<b>Wednesday</b>	Japanese for all (Library from 7.40 am) 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Voices Cello Ensemble Cross Country (Field) Cricket (Sports Hall)	Japanese for Beginners (Room H1 at 1.25 pm) History Society (H1 from 1.10 pm) Arts Award (Bronze/Silver) (D6 at 1.10 pm) Open Girls Basketball (Sports Hall) Open Astro Football Competition (Astro) Yr11 Boys Football (Astro) Open Handball (Gym) Chamber Choir Film Club (Room 11 at 1.10 pm) Computer Science Club (CC2 1.10pm) Gardening Club (Room 11) – Last Wednesday of month during Spring term and weekly in Summer term. Japanese for going to Japan (Rm 22 1.05pm)	Japanese for Improvers (Community Lounge at 3.50 pm) Japanese for beginners (Community Lounge at 5.30 pm) Yr 12 Engineering Scheme (S1) 'A' level English & Media coursework drop in (CC1) U19 Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Yr 10 & 11 Boys' Football (Field) Fixtures
<b>Thursday</b>	Japanese for all (Library from 7.40 am) Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Barbershop (boys' vocal) Girls' choir	Politics Society (Conference Room at 1.05 pm) Year 9 Art Club Open Hockey (Astro) 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Football (Field) Yr9 Girls Rugby (Field) Open Boys Basketball (Sports Hall) Jazz Function Band Year 9 & 10 Design Club (D11) Latin (Community Lounge)	Drama Club, (4-5 pm) Festival Rehearsals Photography (CC1) Open Handball (Sports Hall) U19 Academy Basketball (Gym) Girls Football (Field) Fixtures
<b>Friday</b>	Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Clarinet Choir Brass Ensemble	Chess Club (Conference Room at 1.10 pm) Christian Union (RS Rm) GCSE PE Coursework (CC1) Open Trampoline (Mini Hall) Open Boys' Rugby (Field) Badminton (Sports Hall) Open Academy Basketball (Gym) Orchestra Anime Club (Room 15 at 1.15pm)	Debating Society U19 Academy Basketball (Sports Hall)

Bronze, Silver and Gold DofE meetings will take place as advised. **CC2** (from 1.25 pm) and the **library** are open every lunchtime. The **Art studios** are available to GCSE and 'A' level students at lunchtime and after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.