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GCSE and A level examinations

The main written examinations are now upon us and all students should obviously check their timetables and other instructions carefully each day. **We wish all those students taking examinations every success with the forthcoming papers.**

Uniform

Instructions for ordering uniform for existing students for September will be published in 'The County Courier' at half term. This will include information on purchasing skirts and trousers for girls. New students will order their uniform at the intake evenings, as indicated in the individual letters about those evenings.

Year Group Photographs

Proofs of the **year 11** and **year 13** group photographs were issued today. If students would like to purchase a photograph, orders must be received by **Monday 20th May**.

Curriculum Enrichment Week

Today parents/carers have received an email with an attached brochure about Curriculum Enrichment Week (**1-5 July**). The brochure outlines the activities available to students in **Years Nine and Ten**.

Choices can be made on the **Activities Choices and Parental Consent Form** found on the final page of the brochure. Students have also been given a hard-copy of this form.

We ask for the **Activity Choices and Parental Consent Form** to be completed and posted through the letterbox in the student foyer (outside the school hall) by **Monday 20th May**.

Students involved in the **German Exchange** will be attending a joint group trip with the Exchange on **Friday 5th July** and therefore do not need to choose an activity for that day.

Year Group News

Years 9 and 10

Thank you to those invited parents who attended Thursday's **parents' evening**. We are confident that the students will remain "on track" for the remainder of the year. All parents will receive their children's annual report in July.

Year 10

Students on this year's **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award** scheme are reminded that their final qualifying expedition will take place on the following dates:

Group A – 18th and 19th May

Group B – 23rd and 24th May

Year 13

The **farewell assembly** for year thirteen students will be held on **Friday 24th May** followed by a buffet lunch. **Parents are warmly invited** to the assembly which will review their children's five years here with contributions from the students. Those parents who would like to come would need to be at school at 11.25 am for an 11.30 am start and the assembly will last for about an hour. **Please let Mrs White, Head's PA, (ewhite@burytrust.org) know if you are coming.**

Fixtures

16/05/19 - U14 A and B rounders vs
Thurston away 4-5pm

A Safety Message

A local resident has expressed concern that some students are walking in the cycle lane on Beeton's Way and could be

injured. We remind students to stick to the footpaths.

Important information regarding Suffolk County Council Funded School Travel from September 2019

If you would like your child to travel to school on Suffolk County Council (SCC) Funded School Travel you have to opt-in (apply).

What do I need to do next? If you have not done so already, you will need to go online to submit an application at www.suffolkonboard.com/optin. The opt-in deadline is **31 May 2019**. If you need help to opt-in, please contact customer services on 0345 606 6173.

If you have already applied for SCC funded school travel you can upload your photo for your travel pass on the website www.suffolkonboard.com/photo.

What happens if I opt-in late or don't opt-in at all? If you opt-in after the deadline date given above, SCC cannot guarantee that travel will be available for your child at the start of the new school year.

If you don't opt-in, SCC will assume that you are making your own sustainable arrangements for your child to travel to and from school.

What else do I need to know? You will have to opt-in for your child to receive SCC funded school travel **every** year.

When you have completed the online opt-in form the transport team will contact you with further details. This may not be until the end of June 2019.