



The County Courier

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Parents' Evenings

A reminder that all year nine and ten parents should now have received a letter about the evenings on:

Thursday 22nd January for year 9

Thursday 29th January for year 10.

Where applicable, proformas should now have been returned and the appointment sheets for Year 9 have been sent out today. Year 10 appointment sheets will be sent out next Friday.

Science and Engineering Opportunities

There are several opportunities for students with an interest in science and/or engineering to attend residential courses with the Smallpeice Trust. Information on the trust can be found on their website

www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk.

The courses available are:

- For **Year 9** students:
Engineering Experience: 14-17 April or 13-16 July
Marine Technology: 6-9 July
Nuclear Marine Engineering: 20-23 July
- For **Year 10** students:
Electronic Engineering: 14-17 April
Marine Technology: 28 June – 2 July
Engineering Materials: 29 June – 2 July
- For **Year 11** students:
Sustainable Energy Challenge: 20-23 July
- For **Year 11 and 12** students:
Mining and Minerals: 20-23 July or 27-30 July

- For **Year 12** students:

Power Engineering: 13-16 July

Technical Textiles: 20-23 July

This year the local **William and Ellen Vinten Trust** has generously provided some sponsorship to enable students to attend one of these courses. Any student or parent who would like further details should contact **Mr Bennett** or **Mrs Neale**.

“Disco Inferno”: costumes

Mrs Rossi will again co-ordinate all the costumes for this year's major production. She writes “It is the time of year when many of us have a “clear out”. As you do so can I ask that you look out for sixties/seventies disco style dress! Think sparkle, flares, beads, large patterns, crimplene. Also, anyone who is willing to look for charity bargains please let me know as help would be much appreciated.” Items (named, if they are for return) should be given to Mrs Rossi.

Bon Voyage

We wish the students and staff who are going on the science residential in Paris next week an enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

Free Books for Schools campaign

The Times and Sunday Times newspapers have launched their “Free Books for Schools” campaign, which is running for the next few months. Please collect these tokens and bring them into school where they can be placed in the boxes on Reception or in the Library.

With your help we can order some new books for our library shelves.

Year Group News

Year 11

Thank you for your excellent attendance at interviews with senior staff before Christmas. The practice examinations are now complete and as we move into the final preparation for the GCSE examinations, you might find it helpful to keep this summary of the **key dates**:

Friday 6th February:

Students take home their **scoresheets** containing the practice examination results and the final set of predicted grades. **Invitations for the parents' evenings** will be sent home with these scoresheets.

Thursday 12th February (4.30 – 7.00 pm)
and **Thursday 26th February (4.30 – 6.00 pm)** – **Parents' Evenings:**

You are urged to attend one of these evenings.

Week commencing 16th March:

Issue of **final revision guide**, including the timetable for extra **revision sessions**.

Friday 20th March:

All GCSE **coursework** has to be complete

Week commencing 2nd March:

Music practical examinations

Week commencing 23rd March:

GCSE PE practical examinations

Week commencing 30th March:

Art practical examinations

Week commencing 21st April: Modern Foreign Languages orals commence

Wednesday 29th April:

Drama practical examination

Week commencing 11th May:

Main written examinations begin

Obviously, this is a crucial time for your child and we particularly urge you to attend one of the parents' evenings. If it is not possible, for any reason, do contact reception to arrange an alternative time. This can be during the day or on selected evenings by mutual agreement. Do stay in touch with us during these vital few months.

Fixtures

21.01.09

U16 'A' netball v Sudbury (a)

U14 'B' netball v Sudbury (a)

22.01.09

U15 boys' basketball v KEUS (a)

Mixed trampoline competition at Leiston High (a)

Girls' County badminton at Copleston High (a)

Basketball Academy v Bedford College (h)