



# The County Courier

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## ***OFSTED verdict: we're still "OUTSTANDING"***

We were delighted to receive a letter from Ofsted this week confirming the outcome of its interim assessment of our school. As you may know, Ofsted now decides whether or not it needs to inspect schools which have previously been judged to be outstanding. It does this by looking at various aspects, including students' academic performance, students' attendance and any visits carried out by Ofsted since the last full inspection. We had a science inspection by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector who judged us outstanding in all areas. The outcome of the interim assessment is that Ofsted still judges us to be outstanding. We will therefore retain this status at least until it reviews us in a year's time. The letter can be found on our website. **Congratulations to all our staff, students, parents, governors and community supporters on what is now our sixth Ofsted outstanding judgement.**

### ***Some dates for early next term***

#### **Sixth Form Recital Evening**

This will take place in our **Performing Arts Centre at 7 pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April**. All are welcome.

#### **Summer Concert**

Our summer concert featuring all our main ensembles and our farewell to our year thirteen musicians will take place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm in the school hall**. Tickets, priced £5 (£3 concessions) will be available from the first day of next term.

#### **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition**

This takes place over the **weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> May**.

### ***Year Group News***

#### **Year 9**

Well done to year nine on returning all their **option forms** on time and for their serious approach to these important decisions. We shall now go through them and continue to advise on the best possible programme for each individual child.

#### **Year 10**

The **parents' evening on 3<sup>rd</sup> May** is for those parents and students where staff feel there is something important to convey at this stage in the GCSE courses. Where this is the case, parents will receive a letter through the post towards the end of the Easter holiday with the relevant appointments in order to ensure all students remain on track for their GCSE grades. We shall also invite some parents in during

the second half of the summer term. Parents who do not receive a letter but who would like to see one or more teachers should contact Mrs Bennett (email [cbennett@bsecus.org](mailto:cbennett@bsecus.org) or telephone 01284 754857) immediately upon our return.

### **Year 10 and 11**

Year 10 and 11 History revision and quiz books are now available to buy from the department. There are books for both the Medicine and Germany section of the course. Books are priced at £1.50 each and can be brought from your teacher.

### **Year 11**

- Well done to our **GCSE Art** students on producing some excellent examination pieces this week.
- **GCSE PE** students are reminded of their **practical examination with the visiting examiner next Tuesday and Wednesday.**
- **GCSE Drama** students are recommended to come in to school for practice from **10 am to 3 pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April in the studio theatre.**

### **Year 12**

- Year 12 **History and Politics** students will have **revision guides** sent to their school e-mail accounts, so should be downloaded and used over Easter in preparation for exams.
- Miss Coxall and Mrs Frost will be running **Business Studies and ICT coursework catch-up sessions** for Year 12 students on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April** in the Computer Centre from 10 am to 2 pm. **Any Year 12 student who wishes to attend these sessions must let Miss Coxall or Mrs Frost know before the end of school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April.**

### *News from the History Department*

The History Department launches its website this week. We really would like to create a resource for the whole of the County Upper School community and so we are asking for your memories of County Upper School. We want to create a page of different recollections from people's time at the school, no matter how long ago you were with us, or if you are with us still. To find out more about the project and to contribute please go to the 'What's new' page on the school website and follow the link. Alternatively you can e-mail the department directly at [history@bsecus.org](mailto:history@bsecus.org).

### *Bon Voyage*

We wish our Spanish Exchange Party a worthwhile and enjoyable stay as they leave for Spain on Thursday evening.

### *“The Accolade”/ “The County Courier”*

The March edition of **“The Accolade”** was sent home via the students yesterday with the full colour version on our website.

**“The County Courier”** will be issued next Friday, the last day of term. It is such a disjointed start to the all-important examination term, we wish to be sure that everyone has all the information they need for the start of the summer term.