



Keio, Japan

We give a very warm welcome to our guests from Keio and extend our best wishes to those going on the **joint adventurous activities residential at Edale**.

The Spring Celebration of Student Drama

A final reminder that our drama club students are taking part in this annual celebration, based on the theme of 'Scientists and their Discoveries' at the Theatre Royal on **Thursday 27th February at 7.00 pm**. Tickets (priced £6.50) are available from the box office.

Rock and Pop Awards

The West Suffolk Rock and Pop Awards also take place on **Thursday 27th February** at 7.00 pm at The Apex. County Upper School will be represented by 'FUNKtion Junction' who are hoping to win one of the four awards presented on the night. 'Polar Collective', a band seen by Year Nine students recently, will be providing the main set of the evening. **Tickets are £5 available from The Apex box office.**

The Spring Concert

This term's **full concert**, featuring all our main ensembles and a selection of the smaller ones, will take place in the school hall at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 5th March**. Tickets will be available (£5, £3 concessions) from reception immediately upon our return from half term.

Internet Safety Day

This took place on Tuesday of this week. Parents can obtain a Safer Internet Day factsheet from www.Childnet.bit.1y/SaferInternetFacts

Year Group News

Year 9

All students received an introduction to the **options process** on Monday and all parents should have received the **options booklet** via their children on Wednesday. The booklet outlines the process between now and 21st March.

Year 10

Mme Duverne's **French** group sit their first **written controlled assessment** for the GCSE in their normal lesson on Monday 24th February.

Year 11

- Thank you to all those parents who have attended one of the parents' evenings. Students will be issued with the **final revision guide and timetable** during the week commencing **17th March**. 'The County Courier' will continue to convey important information week-by-week.
- Year eleven students have all had their **statements of entry** to check that their personal details and subject entries are correct. Today, they have all been issued with a sheet to update their **intentions for September**. These should be completed and returned to the form tutor by **7th March**. Advice on choices will continue to be available through until August.
- **Year 11 ICT students** are reminded that the **extra Wednesday sessions** will be held from 1.15 pm and between 4 and 5 pm **starting on 5th March**. All students now have their two revision guides. Those wishing to purchase a Revision Book should buy "My Revision Notes OCR GCSE ICT"

by Hodder Education ISBN 978 1444 147537. These can be obtained online cheaper than we can purchase them.

- Mr Snaith's **GCSE German** groups will have their speaking assessments on Tuesday 25th February.
- Mr Staple's **GCSE French** groups will have their **speaking assessments** on Wednesday 26th February.
- **West Suffolk College** is holding an **Apprenticeship Open Event** between 6.30 and 8.30 pm on **Monday 3rd March**. The College's Work Based Learning advisers will be on hand to provide help and advice on the variety of apprenticeships available. Both students and parents are very welcome to attend.

Sixth Form

- Students have been issued with this term's **interim assessments** today. All parents are reminded of the **parents' evening on Wednesday 26th February between 4.30 and 7.00 pm**. We encourage you to attend at this vital stage in the 'A' level courses.
- Those students in year thirteen who take '**A' level Geography** are reminded of the trip to London Docklands on **Friday 28th February**.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The 2014 scheme has recently started and vouchers will be issued for every £10 spent at Sainsbury's stores or online. The PE department would be very grateful for your support in collecting these vouchers which can then be converted into much needed equipment for lessons across the Academy Trust. Vouchers can be placed in the box on reception. Thank you.

Fixtures

25.02.14
U14 trampoline competition at Samuel Ward
U15 boys' basketball v Farlingaye (h)
26.02.14
U19 basketball v Ipswich (h)
27.02.14
U15 girls' cricket competition at Newmarket

Half term

School finishes for half term today and students return on **Monday 24th February**.

The Trust Newsletter

The Academy Trust newsletter has been issued to students today.