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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 2018

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

We are running our popular Trust Astronomy evening again on **Tuesday 30th January between 5.30 and 9.00 pm** at County Upper. The event is free and families can experience a range of activities including a planetarium session. Our PTA will be providing refreshments (jacket potatoes, soup etc.) this year to enhance your evening. Full details are available on the website (www.burytrust.org/county). The link to book the planetarium is as follows:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/astronomy-evening-tickets-39369714877?aff=ehomecard>

Year Group News

Year 9

Parents were **emailed via ParentMail this morning** with their appointments for the parents' evening to be held on **Thursday 11th 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.**

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 17th January, 4.30–6 pm

Thursday 25th 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 practice examinations start on **Thursday (11th)** and all students will have study leave from the **11th-15th inclusive**, returning on **Tuesday 16th January**.

Fixtures

09.01.18

U16 girls' basketball v Thurston (h)

10.01.18

Basketball Academy v Aylesbury (h)

11.01.18

Race B Cross Country at Woodbridge

U15 girls' handball competition (h)

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.



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Clubs, Activities and Extension GCSEs for the Spring Term 2018

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
Monday	Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Sax Quartet GCSE Rock Band	Open Netball (Courts) Dance (Gym) Open Boys' Rugby Yr 11 Boys' Football Open Badminton (Sports Hall) Swing Band Beginner Spanish (Room 21 at 1.05 pm) Robocup Creative Writing Club (Room 11 at 1.15 pm) Latin (Community Lounge) Arabic (Rm 28)	Yr 13 Physics Problem Solving (S1 at 4.00 pm) 'A' Level English and Media coursework drop in (CC1) Science Club (S block) Connexus Netball & Football (Sports Hall/Field) Yr 9 Netball (Sports Hall) Yr 9 Football (Field) U19 Academy Basketball Trust Festivals Fixtures
Tuesday	Japanese for all (Library at 7.40 am) Advanced Latin (Community Lounge) Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Flute Group Music Theory Class Chamber Ensemble	Yr 9 Boys' Basketball (Sports Hall) Open Hockey (Astro) Yr 9 Netball (Courts) Table Tennis (Gym) 6 th Form Football (Field) Wind Band Arts Award (Bronze/Silver) (D6 at 1.10 pm) Yr 12 Maths for Physicists (S1) Sociology Society	Astronomy (CC1) Open Trampoline (Mini Hall) Yr 10/Yr 11 & 6 th Form Netball (Sports Hall) Fixtures
Wednesday	Japanese for all (Library at 7.40 am) Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) 6 th Form Voices	Japanese for Improvers (Room 24 at 1.05 pm) Japanese for Beginners at 1.20 pm Year 9 & 10 Design Club (D1) History Society (H1 from 1.15 pm) Japanese for Beginners at 1.20 pm U16 Boys' Basketball (Sports Hall) Open Astro Football Competition (Astro) Open Volleyball (Gym) Chamber Choir Film Club (Room 11 at 1.10 pm)	Advanced Japanese (Room 24 at 3.50 pm) Japanese for beginners (Community Lounge at 5.30 pm) Yr 12 Engineering Scheme (S1) Girls' Football (Field) U19 Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Yr 10 & 11 Boys' Football (Field) Fixtures
Thursday	Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Barbershop (boys' vocal) Girls' choir Brass Ensemble	Politics Society (Conf Room at 1.05 pm) Year 9 Art Club Cube Club (C4 at 1.10 pm) Gardening Club (Bio Greenhouse at 1.10) Open Hockey (Astro) OCR Level 2 Revision (PE Room) Yr 9 Boys' Football (Field) Yr 10 & 11 Boys' Rugby (Field) U14 & U16 Girls' Basketball (Sports Hall) Jazz Function Band Robocup (CC2 at 1.10 pm) Year 9 & 10 Graphics Club (D11) Latin (Community Lounge)	Drama Club, including rehearsals for the Trust Drama Festival (4.00-5.00 pm) From 21 st September, Photography (CC1) Badminton Coaching – 4.00-6.00 pm (Sports Hall) Handball Coaching – 4.00-5.00 pm (Sports Hall) U19 Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Winter Athletics (Field/Gym) Fixtures
Friday	Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Cross Country (Field) Cricket (Sports Hall) Clarinet Choir String Sextet	Chess Club (Conference Room at 1.10 pm) Christian Union (RS Rm) GCSE PE Coursework (CC1) Open Trampoline (Mini Hall) Open Girls' Rugby (Field) Badminton (Sports Hall) Orchestra Cospace competition: Robot rescue simulation	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.