



Families' Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 9 May 2022

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It is often at this time of year, with the longer days and brighter skies, that we can get so much more out of the same 24 period day than we might in the winter. That certainly seems true these past couple of weeks within school.

Exam preparation is well under way with additional sessions and walking talking mocks being provided as additional support. These sit alongside formal languages speaking and art and textiles exams which have already commenced, and formal moderation and examiner visits that have taken place in areas such as performing arts and PE. Feedback from staff is that our students are certainly rising to the challenge and I know that you will join me in wishing them all well in their examinations over the coming two months.

At the other end of the school spectrum, it was wonderful to see Year 6 students from Estcots coming over to our maths department for the first in a series of sessions on problem solving led by our wonderful maths department and supported by students in year 7, 8 and 10. Bravo everyone!



It was a bumper week at #HotChoc with the Head today. We managed to squeeze in ten deserving young people who have each excelled in their very own way. There were more stunning examples of students showing great commitment to their studies and others who have contributed to supporting others by using their leadership qualities, for example Anna and Lyra in our sixth form supporting year 11 students in preparation for their Spanish exams. We also had Hannah in year 13, who has applied to study Biomedical Sciences at University but would love to pursue a professional football career and has just signed a contract with West Ham. With the growth of Women's football in England really being at an all-time high, hers could be a name for us all to look out for in the future.

Jo Meloni

Key Dates

Wednesday 11 May	Last day of year 13 teaching
Thursday 12 May	Year 12 politics trip to secret nuclear bunker
Friday 13 May	Year 9 business and enterprise trip to Drusilla's Year 10 reports issued
Monday 16 May	Public exams begin, 3+2 timetable
Monday 23 May	Y12 philosophy trip to Southampton University
Wednesday 25 May	Year 9 reports issued

Remember you can see the full parents' calendar [here](#).