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YEAR 11 NEWS LETTER

For many of us **Easter** is significant for the ultimate sacrifice made, the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his holy resurrection. Sometimes this significant religious event gets drowned out by easter eggs, chocolate, and the latest block buster movie release. Christians use this time to reflect the ultimate sacrifice given and the message that is similar in many religions of care, thought and respect to all.

Alongside Easter, is the coincidence of the month of **Ramadan**. It is a holy Islamic event whereby Muslims fast every day between sunset and sunrise. This will take place at the start of April. Throughout the month Muslims dedicate their time and themselves to God - giving to charity, praying, and fasting. For many, it is also a time of personal reflection.

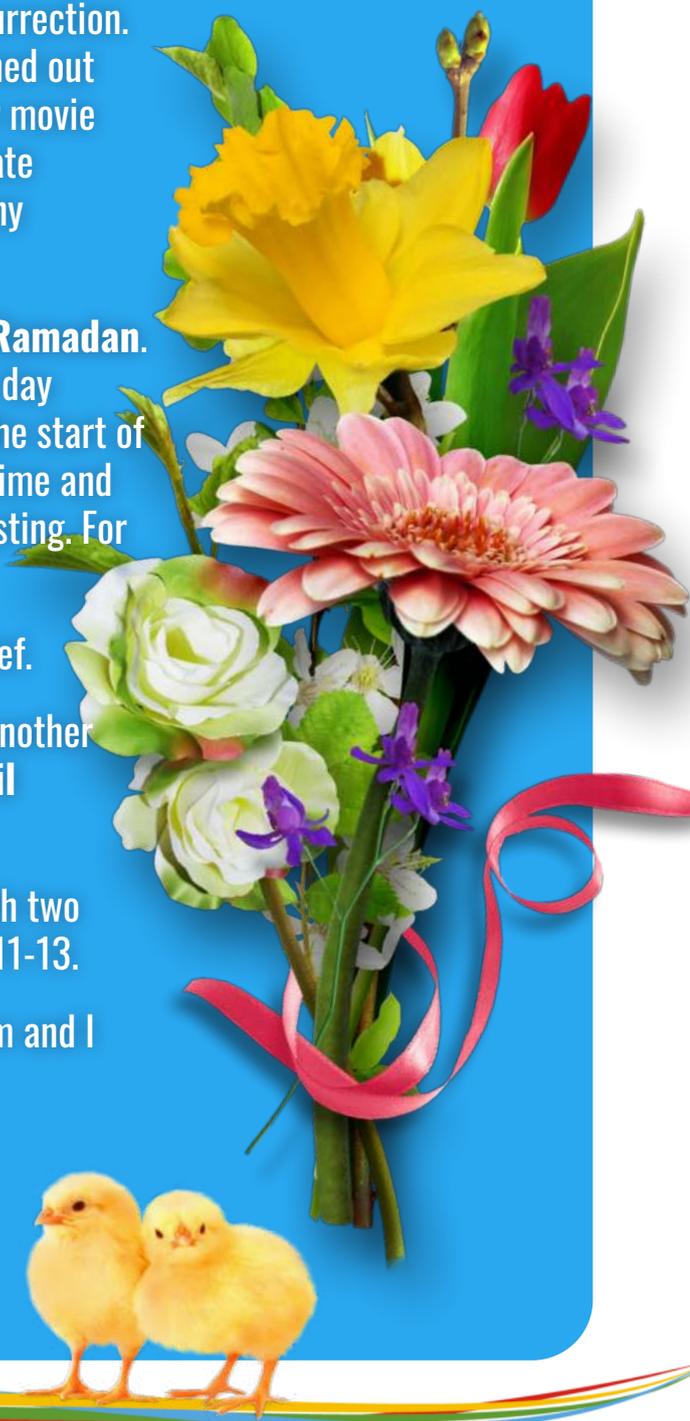
It is certainly a time of significance and common belief.

On another note, time certainly goes by quickly and another term will be successfully completed on **Friday 1 April (at 3.15pm)**.

The school will re-open on **Wednesday 20 April**, with two weeks until the formal examinations begin for Years 11-13.

I wish to thank you for your support over the last term and I hope that you all have some family time together.

Mr Erwin
Principal



Dear parents/carers,

All students have been issued their examination timetable. The vast majority will have already worked out when the last examination takes place. Just a few points of clarification:

Study Leave and Part-Time Arrangements:



Please note, there is no study leave being applied to the whole year group. However, should a student disrupt learning they will be warned and then be asked to go onto study leave. I am not prepared for distractions from the focus of Year 11 preparing for GCSE examinations.

Students will continue to be in school, full time, up to the end of half-term (Friday 27th May).

After half-term (week beginning 6th June) students will be given permission not to attend an option subject only if it is unit 1 (arrive at 9.35am) or unit 5 (leave at 1.15pm) and they have sat all the papers for that subject.

Week beginning 13th June, students only attend those subjects where they have still to sit a paper (e.g. science and options subjects).

For the majority of students their last examination is Friday 24th June.

Students returning to study in our sixth form will be asked to start their induction on Monday 27th June until Wed 6th July.

The Prom is being held on the evening Wednesday 6th July.



Graduation Day – Friday 6th May:

Finally, we like to mark the end of the Year 11 phase with a celebration event. Our graduation day will take place on Friday 6th May starting at 8.45am and finish at approximately 11.30am. Students are invited to attend school in smart business dress.

Mr Erwin, Principal

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

A huge **hello** to you all. I hope that this message finds you and your families well! As we hop towards the end of this term, and spring into our final term, if the effort and drive with which our **Year 11** students have shown already this year is anything to go by, I am confident that every student in Year 11 will do themselves proud, by reaching their full potential, gain the results they deserve and reach their **Post 16 destinations** of their choice.

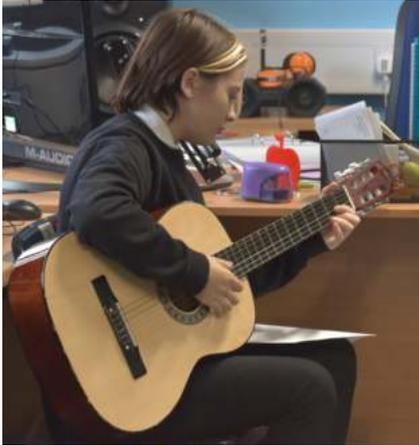


The beginning of the year certainly brought it challenges with Covid and was rather unsettling for us all. However, we feel that students are now beginning to get back on track and hopefully again have some sense of normality. Yes, this academic year has been hard for some of our students to adjust, but with us all working together with parents/carers, hopefully our Year 11 students will continue to uphold the school values and have high levels of purpose and motivation.

Regarding the recent **PPE'S (Pre-Public Examinations)** as with the first round Year 11 sat back in November, we are so proud with the way Year 11 have approached these exams. The feedback I have received and I witnessed was very positive and the experience has hopefully set them up for their final set of **GCSE exams** which begin in May. With this in mind the importance of making the most of the time they have left in school is vital. As with the data from their previous PPE'S, teachers will now best direct students on how to focus and further develop any areas that may need improving. In terms of where we can all support our Year 11 students, **Unit 6** is available every evening after school with a set timetable for each subject where students can close any gaps with professional support. It is



paramount that students take full advantage of any extra work and for parents/carers to work with us to ensure that their child reaches their true potential. Extra effort must not just take place in the classroom, but also at home. It is especially important that students keep up to date with their work; ensuring they collect missing subject work to complete if they have been away. Students are hopefully revising at home now with a revision plan that best suits them. Regarding this matter, there is a wealth of information and support both in school and on our dedicated Year 11 page on the **KSCS website**. We are also inviting Year 11 in over the Easter holiday to focus on certain subjects and give them an extra boost. Students are aware of this, and information has gone home to promote this provision. I want to highlight,



that we realise that this can be a stressful time for our students and also at home. If students need any support, we can hopefully help or point them in the right direction. It is so important to share if a student needs support in any way.

Some key dates and information for Year 11 next term:

- **Year 11 Progress evening is on Wednesday 20th April. Information for how to book has already gone out via email and we urge parents/carers to make appointments as early as possible to get first choice of times.**
- **Year 11 Prom is Wednesday 6th July - there are still a few places available. Final deadline for payment is Friday 29th April.**
- **Year 11 GCSE exams commence week beginning 11th May 2022.**



On behalf of all the Year 11 Team, and Ken Stimpson Community School I would like to thank you and say I hope we can continue to work all together, supporting every student be the best possible version of themselves they can be. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Ian Housley, Head of Year 11

EASTER TIME TABLE



4th APRIL
Dance
(Mrs Purdy)
10-2pm
5L47 & 5L21

5th APRIL
Art
(Mrs Fowkes, Mr Housley)
10-2pm
1L37, 1L39, 1L40



6th APRIL
Art
(Mrs Fowkes, Mr Housley)
10-2pm
1L37, 1L39, 1L40

Italian (Ms Frith)
10-12pm
4U10, 4U12, 4U06

Dance (Mrs Purdy)
10-2pm
5L47 & 5L21



11th APRIL
English
(Mr Tingle,
Mrs Willoughby,
Mr Conor)
10-2:30pm
Block 1

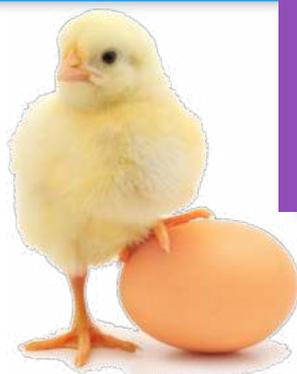
12th APRIL
Computer Science
(Mr Satari)
10-2:30pm
1L26

Construction
(Mr Quinn)
10-2:30pm
1L47 & 1L50



14th APRIL
Italian (Miss Beckingham)
10-12
4U10, 4U12, 4U06

Music (Miss Ward)
10-2pm
Block 5



Year 11 Unit 6

We encourage our students to take advantage of Unit 6 - available each day, 3:15-4:15PM - to revise subjects in which they may need extra guidance, and maximise their progress towards their GCSEs! We have used Unit 6 with previous Year 11 cohorts and it has proven successful in helping them prepare and work towards their target grades!

Monday: Maths and English (split by year half). In week 1 A half students will go to Maths whilst B half students will go to English. In week 2 the students will swap over. If students are unsure of where to go they can see their class teacher, student support officer or head of year.

Tuesday: Health and Social Care, MFL, Art

Wednesday: Science

Thursday: Dance, Drama, Music, Geography, Computer Science, IT (iMedia), Construction, PE

Friday: Business Studies

Does my child have to attend? We expect students to make a conscious decision that this will help them, and not accessing the sessions may not help them succeed in the immediate future.

Are you asking students to do more? Students should be revising each day at this stage for a minimum of an hour a day. This is a way in which students can make their revision more worthwhile with an expert in front of them delivering key topics.

What happens on Thursday if my child has multiple options on at the same time? The students have a choice of which subject they attend. This should ideally be the one they are weakest in. Alternatively, they could find out from their teachers what is going to be covered and then make a choice based on the content being delivered.

What happens on a Tuesday or a Friday if my child does not do any of those subjects? Students are welcome to attend our homework club (in room 1L50 which is open Monday – Thursday) where they can do independent revision. The room will be supervised by a member of staff. On Friday's students could look to do independent revision at home.

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10 HOURS OF SPORT 10 HOURS OF SUPPORT

10 Hours of Sport is, of course, more than just 10 Hours of Sport. **The Malcolm Whales Foundation 10 Hours of Sport** is many things: 10 hours of fun; 10 hours of fitness; 10 hours of fund raising; 10 hours of friendship; 10 hours of doing something different; 10 hours of feeling good about yourself and those around you. In every sense of the word, it is more like 10 hours of support. The 10 hours of sport at Ken Stimpson Community School happened to coincide with the loveliest day of the year so far. The doors of the sports hall were wide open, the sky was azure blue, and the bright sun lifted the mood of the 200 students taking part on the day. Netball, basketball, football, table tennis, trampolining, badminton, dodgeball: each area inside and out buzzed with enthusiasm and enjoyment. For hundreds of students, I don't think there's anywhere else they would rather have been on that day. And for some of them, I wouldn't mind betting that they'd get up the next day and do it all over again! What a great advert for the **TMWF Dorset Walk** taking place in July! A chance for younger students who can't go this year to look forward to the next. Members of staff and older students who popped into the sports hall were wearing an assortment of TMWF t-shirts from previous years which helped to promote a sense of shared purpose and group identity - the mainstay of any charitable organisation. It's wonderful that so many young people can aspire to a pursuit that is essentially so selfless and yet so self-helping. School can mean lots of different things for lots of different students at the same time. One way of looking at the 10 hours of sport is simply this: that for one day in the year, it can unify so many people in such a harmonious and joyful way. I for one certainly went home on Friday feeling uplifted and, if I'm honest, a little overwhelmed with happiness.

Mr Billson, English Faculty



Our Non-Uniform Day raised
£756.57
for charity!
Thank you for your contribution!



Happy Easter!