



Parent Newsletter 1st February 2013

Dear Parent/Carer

Reminder – Tuesday 5th February Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.15-7.15. Your child should be making appointments for you to see their teachers.

Reminder – Thursday 7th February is an inset day and school is closed to students.

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TL1 Highest expectations

You will now have had an opportunity to review our Ofsted report. The Head Teacher is looking to offer Parents an opportunity to attend a post Ofsted action plan meeting to report what the school will be further doing to continue the improvements. The dates of these meeting are as follows:

Please note there is a tweak from the information given in last week's newsletter for the Year 7 and 8 meeting as we are trying to amalgamate school meetings so as not to inconvenience parents.

Therefore the new dates are:

Years 7 and 8 – Tuesday 12th February. The parents' Ofsted meeting will take place at 6 p.m. after which there will be a Year 7 and a Year 8 Head of Year meeting. Miss Radwell and Mrs Lukeman will be speaking about literacy with Year 7 parents and Dr Wilkinson, Mrs Beckett and Mrs Berry will be speaking about interventions to support learning with Year 8 parents.

Year 9 – This will be as published last week **Tuesday 5th March 5-6 p.m.** before the Year 9 options evening.

Years 10, 11 and 6th form – This will be as published last week - **Tuesday 12th March 5-6 p.m.** before the KS4 and 5 concert.

Uniform

The snowy/icy conditions have thankfully gone for the time being so please support us by ensuring your child is in correct school uniform and correct footwear. In a recent newsletter we included photos of trousers for the girls' uniform which we hope clarified what was acceptable. This week please see below photos of acceptable footwear for girls and boys. We have done this to clarify what we mean by 'formal footwear' to ensure parents and students are clear about what is acceptable and what is not.





TL2 Improve the quality of teaching.

Year 9 High Education Field Academy

Students in Year 9 have the opportunity to apply to go on a 3 day research project with the University of Cambridge. HEFA aims to raise students' educational aspirations and develop a range of transferable skills through a series of activities including digging an archaeological test pit and using the results to piece together the history of a medieval settlement.

Applications need to be completed and returned to Mrs Ledster by 6th February with the research project taking place on 19-21 June.

Berlin

On 1st February it will be 58 days until we leave for our Berlin History residential trip. Please note final payment is now due. There will be a parents' meeting before the trip and this has been provisionally booked for 4th March 6.30 p.m. Letter with more details to follow.

The teachers who will be on this trip are Mrs Male, Ms Poulter, Miss Allingham and Mr Husnu. Students will be met by the teachers at the airport and the flights are:

BA992 30MAR 6 LHRTXL Terminal 5 0830 1120

BA983 03APR 3 TXLLHR 1220 1320

BA1Exceed national attendance

You can now report your child absent by sending an email to: attendance@turnford.herts.sch.uk

Please make sure your child is attending school regularly.

Lateness – please encourage your child to arrive for a.m. and p.m. registration on time. If a student receives more than three late marks in a two week period, they will have to attend a two hour payback detention.

L1 Sharpen the leadership

If you are keen to know what the school will be doing to continue our drive to good and outstanding post Ofsted please attend the meetings outlined above.

A2 Develop a whole school approach to literacy, numeracy and ICT.

Word of the week has been **lackadaisical (adjective)** – lacking vitality and purpose/lazy in a dreamy way.

Cadmore Lane School crossing

We have been informed by School Crossing Patrol that the vacancy for ‘a lollipop person’ has now been filled and therefore the school crossing in Cadmore Lane at the top of Elm Drive is now reinstated. Please encourage your child to cross safely there if that is the way they walk home.

School Photos

Photographs for Years 11, 12 & 13 will take place on Thursday 14th February. Students will have an individual photograph taken and a year group photograph. The programme for the day is as follows;

Y11 students who attend college in the morning will be expected to go to college and return to school for 2 pm when they will have their individual photograph and year group photograph taken. Y11 students who have science period 1 and 2 will be expected to attend their lesson as normal and will come down to the hall for their individual photograph when requested. During period 5 all students will go to the hall for their year group photograph.

Y12 and 13 students can come to the hall anytime during period 1, 2 or 3 to have their individual photograph taken. This is to be completed when students do not have a lesson. The year 12 and 13 photograph will be taken period 4. Students need to arrive in the hall at 12:10.

Students must have an individual photograph taken in order for them to receive the year photograph as the order forms are produced using the data from the individual photograph. Katie Green

Dates

Thursday February 7th – INSET DAY

Half term 18th-22nd February 2013

Year 7

12th February Ofsted feedback and Head of Year meeting

26th March 2013 Academic Review Evening

14th May 2013 Head of Year meeting

Year 8

12th February Ofsted feedback and Head of Year meeting

30th April 2013 Academic Review Evening

13th May 2013 – Head of Year meeting

Year 9

26th February 2013 – Academic Review Evening

5th March 2013 - 5-6 p.m. Ofsted feedback session for parents then Y9 Options Evening

25th and 26th March 2013 – Options Interviews

16th May 2013 Head of Year meeting

6th June 2013 – Academic Review Day

Year 10

12th March 5-6 pm Ofsted feedback session for parents before the KS4/5 concert

Year 10 exams – April 2013

20th May 2013 – Head of Year meeting

25th June 2013 – Academic Review Day

Year 11

5th February 2013 Academic Review Evening

Thursday 14th February 11/12/13 Photos

11-15th February Y11 mock/coursework catch up week

Thursday 28th and Friday 29th February - Y11 interviews

12th March 5-6 pm Ofsted feedback session for parents before the KS4/5 concert

25th-28th March Y11 mock/coursework catch up week

Wed 13th March Y11 music practicals

16th April 2013 – Head of Year meeting

10th May Celebration assembly and Prom (tbc)

January 2013

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Parents' Evening – Tuesday 5th February 2013 4.15-7.15 p.m.

I am writing to invite you to the above Parents' Evening which is intended to provide an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with his/her subject teachers.

Students will be given an appointment card and it will be their responsibility to arrange appointments with those subject teachers whom you wish to see. However, since some members of staff teach more than one group in Year 11, it may not be possible for you to see all of your child's teachers. Should there be any member of staff who you are unable to see and with whom you wish to discuss a specific problem, then I shall be pleased to arrange an appointment in school time.

Students are encouraged to attend Parents' Evenings. School uniform need not be worn.

I should be most grateful if you would complete and return the reply slip to Student Reception as soon as possible.

We subscribe to a service called Teachers2Parents and now send the majority of our communication through email. If you have not already done so please let either Rosa Davey (ext 236) or Sarah Whall (ext 275) have your email address. Alternatively you can hand in your email address on the front desk when signing in.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Gant

Headteacher

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To Student Reception

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Name of Student _____ Form _____

*I/We *will/will not be attending the above Parents' Evening.

Signature of Parent _____

*Please delete as applicable

