

Newsletter 3rd May 2024

School Headlines



Exam season is well and truly upon us. Year 11 pupils sat their first formal GCSE exam yesterday and Year 10 pupils have finished their first series of mock exams. Year 10 will receive their mock exam grade card at the end of half term.

Year 11 must continue to remain focused in all lessons and engage with the extensive revision and support available, daily, in school.

Year 10 Work experience 13th-17th May

Please can all parents ensure that they have completed the parental agreement on Unifrog, the link to this will have arrived in an email. Please take time to discuss your child's placement with them this week, including what they need to wear and how they will travel to their place of work.

Year 11 In school revision sessions

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Form Time	Subjects		Maths/English (By invitation)	Maths/English (By invitation)	Maths/English (By invitation)	
Lunchtime 12:25 – 12:55	Subjects and locations	Music B4	Design Technology T2	IT B1	Art B8	History A10 and A11
		English A2 & A3	<mark>ІТ</mark> В1		IT	п
		IT B1			B1	B1
	Independent revision spaces	Each lunchtime there is a study room available for Year 11 pupils in B3. It is staffed with Maths teachers who will support pupils as needed. B3 has both a quiet area to work and computer access.				
After School 15:15 – 16:00	Subjects and locations		Maths Higher A7 Foundation A6	Science S corridor Rooms		
				Performing Arts Hall		



A reminder to all families that school is closed on **Monday 6th May for May** Day.

Selecting an option in Modern Foreign Languages

Pupils in Year 8 will shortly be starting the process of selecting which modern foreign language they would like to continue studying into Year 9. Pupils will chose between French and Spanish, it is also possible to select no preference.

Parents/carers will receive a letter explaining the process, the timelines involved and a reply slip. Pupils will be given a short presentation in their French lessons where they will have an opportunity to ask any questions they might have. Completed reply slips need to be handed to Miss Morel by Wednesday 15th May. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Upcoming Events

Monday 6th May

The Week Ahead

Tueday 7th May

Timetable: week B

Assembly theme: Festival safety

Safeguarding Updates

Lock Down Procedures

Following the tragic incident of a stabbing in a school in Wales in April, all pupils have been reminded of our school lock down procedure this week.

There has been no threat to the school to require us to put a lock down in place so families and pupils should not be concerned.

In the event of a lock down, pupils must calmly follow the instructions from their teachers and not use their mobile phones. The school will communicate with the emergency services as required. Our priority in an event such as this will be to keep children safe. Once safe to do so, all parents will be informed of actions taken.

Safeguarding Your Children Cnline- 'Sextortion'

You may have seen in the national press this week concerning information about the rise in cases of 'sextortion' in the UK. Sextortion is when someone threatens to share or distribute nude or semi-nude images of another person if they don't do what is asked; usually, to send money to the perpetrator. There has been a sharp rise in sextortion cases towards teenage boys.

We would like to share with our parents some information and advice around the topic. Please see the below link for more information.

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-is-sextortion/

If you have any concerns about your child, or any other pupil, please contact school to discuss this with a DSL. Alternatively you can send through your concerns via the Central Care Code .

Central's Care Code





When should children be sent to school?

Please find the link from the NHS on advice for when and when not to send children to school.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Spring Term Dates 2023-24

Monday 6th May School closed for May Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May School closed for May half term

Monday 3rd June School re-opens to pupils

Friday 19th July School closes for summer break

Pupil Success

Year 7 Success

Hussein B - good work this week in your piano lesson on 'fun run'.

Tulisa H – thank you for bringing a smile to Miss Lilley's face with your creative African mask homework in the form of a cake! We hope it tasted as good as it looked!

Euan L, Alfie L, Lucas R and Sienna A impressed in History this week with their work looking at the symptoms of the Black Death. Well done.

Ewan P contributes regularly to class discussion in History and RE, sharing additional information that has helped to inspire further contributions in class. Thank you.



Year 8 Success

Well done to Ellie B who has developed her technique really well in her singing lessons which has improved her power and her pitch.

Jai Y and Daniel J impressed with their RE assessment outlining the challenge that evil and suffering poses to religious believers, well done!

Year 9 Success

Lexi Leigh S showed her community spirit by supporting a pupil into school using her bubbly personality this week – thank you Lexi Leigh.

Well done Caitlin H on your work on 'English Dance' in your piano lesson this week.

Sami-Grace H and Gracie-Mae S impressed in RE this week with their responses to questions about Christian attitudes to money. You showed a great insight into some challenging topics, well done.

Year 10 Success

Well done to Matilda L for her excellent work and focus in her piano lesson this week, tackling a tricky piece. Keep up the good work!

Leon M-T has shown a great improvement with his engagement and work ethic in RE recently, thank you!

Year 11 success

Gabriel RS has made significant progress towards his forthcoming grade 5 flute examination, performing with increasing flair and expression throughout each piece. Well done and keep up the excellent work.

Well done to all of the Year 11 Drama group who finished and submitted their coursework and controlled assessment on Thursday. This was a challenging assessment however, pupils showed excellent creative ideas and commitment throughout the process, well done.

Alfie P impressed Mrs Pearson with his efforts completing a practice Maths paper as part of his revision, thank you Alfie.

House Success



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Central's Care Code





Scan this code to share any bullying or safety concerns that you have.