



Monday 18 November 2024

Y13 PHE A

Priority updates	Interested in STEM degree apprenticeships? See below advert in 'Opportunities' Foodbank/Christmas appeal assembly this week Medicine support Monday for Y13. Oxbridge preparation for Y13 <a href="#">Interviews   University of Oxford</a>
Monday	Medicine interview support day. See Mr Milligan's Teams messages.
Tuesday	Assembly in James Hall: Christmas Appeal Y12 and Y13 Debating Club – History department 2.45-3.45pm
Wednesday	Y12 and Y13 Committee meeting, lunch time.
Thursday	
Friday	Paired Reading SFA 8.20am KS5 wellbeing drop-in at lunchtimes with Ms Walton. See posters for details/ask in SF office.
Sport and Wellbeing	KS5 Wellbeing drop-in is Friday Lunchtime with Ms Walton. See posters for details/ask in SF office.
Super-curricular	Medsoc/Biomed/Science Workshop Event with Northumbria - St Georges International Medical School STEM society - All welcome: Wednesday November 27th 2:55pm in Sixth Form Area (TBC) See Dr Jenkins for more information.  Please see Teams message on super-curricular magazine launch and deadlines.  <a href="#">Explore   The Home of Big Questions</a>  <a href="#">Super-Curriculars and Resources   St Anne's College, Oxford</a>  <a href="#">For students   Faculty of History</a>
Opportunities	Y12s: Following on from Mr Everett's assembly, SMF application deadline 13 December: Next Steps York 6 December: Sutton Trust ASAP! Mr Everett to be named as referee.  World Challenge Students: There will be a meeting in Gg4 on Thursday 21st Nov at 12:20. Please make sure you attend.  Degree Apprenticeship: <a href="https://matthey.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/Ext_Career_Site/details/Trainee-Scientist_R-011873?source=APPLICANT_SOURCE-6-1&amp;locations=0c4a77d7797101014f13df75c82c0000">https://matthey.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/Ext_Career_Site/details/Trainee-Scientist_R-011873?source=APPLICANT_SOURCE-6-1&amp;locations=0c4a77d7797101014f13df75c82c0000</a>
Volunteering	Foodbank in SFA: Y13 tinned food items; Y12 chocolate bars/packets of chocolate/collection boxes.
PHE	Week A: Interviews and personal statements. (All attend). 10 December internal deadline for us to receive UCAS applications.  Oxbridge and Medicine applicants: we're in process of arranging mock interviews for Communicate with JW when you know if you have an interview or not. See below for interview support information: <a href="#">Interviews   University of Oxford</a> <a href="#">Find Answers</a> <a href="#">St Hilda's College - YouTube</a>
Committee Y12&Y13	All Reps this week. Meet at 12, Social Sciences.



**Y12&13  
message**

As I said to some of you in assembly in September, every year my Dad and I set ourselves a numerical target of how many books we might be able to read in a calendar year. I've not reached my target in any year (we've been doing this for five years). I'm convinced my Dad keeps a record of the authors, titles and numbers achieved just to exemplify he's beaten me every year in this task!

Nevertheless, keeping a record of what we read is good; it's a reminder of the variety of topics and authors we've read, and the balance between fiction and non-fiction. Life and work sometimes get in the way of reading which despite the best of intentions can see my own reading habits suffer. There are times when I read a book a week; sometimes it's a book a month. The point to this message is it's really important to have a love of reading in your life. There's nothing like a book in which you're interested to really engage your mind, whether it be fiction or non-fiction. So please do consider setting yourselves a challenge: if you don't usually read much, can you read a book, fiction or non-fiction, before we break up for Christmas? It'll be nice to find out through your form tutors how many of you have taken this on. Use the SFA's lending library or if you're stuck for book choices, ask your tutors, teachers or message me directly on Teams.

Three books I've read recently:

1. [How to Win the Premier League : Ian Graham : 9781529934632 : Blackwell's](#)  
A book on how data has revolutionised football. Newcastle fans need not worry about this book as it'll never be relevant to them.
2. [Peter Hennessy: 'A diary is an aid to humility, which every historian needs' | History books | The Guardian](#)  
Duty of Care, a book comparing the work completed after WW2 in creating the welfare state and a contrast with the state of public services when COVID hit.
3. [Area 51 By Annie Jacobsen | New | 9781409136866 | World of Books](#)  
Annie Jacobsen's history of the US's infamous military base in Nevada.

**Have a good week, and sorry to Newcastle fans.**

**JW**