

Spa Bermondsey Newsletter

Happy New Year everyone! Welcome to our January newsletter. You all received a letter at the start of term to inform you that Simon will be leaving Spa Bermondsey at the end of the academic year. Simon has been the Headteacher of Spa Bermondsey for 16 years and will be missed by staff and students. He was worked tirelessly to ensure that Spa Bermondsey is an Outstanding special school and always ensures that the pupils are safe and happy while learning the skills they need, ready for the next steps in their lives.

We know you will all want to join us in wishing Simon joy and luck in his next adventure!

School Council

Our School Council meets once a half term and has representatives from every class in the school. This half term, they were the first to be told the result of the Great Chicken Ballot—in which they had led voting in their classes for the names of our new chickens. Max, Henrietta, Pecky, Buster, Frank, Harry and Lily! The Council has also been leading on the plans for our Day of Dance on April 29th, to coincide with the International Day of Dance. Council members voted on what to grow in the school gardens. Sunflowers and strawberries here the overwhelming winners. When asked why we have a school council, Luis in KS3 replied, “So that students can be in charge and be role models”.



Pupils voting in January on what to grow in the gardens



Pupils first meeting in November 2021

School House Café

The School House Café has been open all academic year and provides valuable work experience for pupils in KS5. Pupils learn and practice a range of skills including customer service, food preparation, hygiene and cleaning skills and how to use the till. Pupils work towards ASDAN accreditation in Employability. All pupils in KS5 have the opportunity to complete work experience activities. 5B and 5E have been working in the Café in Autumn and 5D have begun their induction this term. 5C and 5A will begin in the Sumer term. The Café has an excellent vegetarian and vegan menu and is a great way to support the Spa Community. Have you been recently?



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While COVID numbers remain high we are asking all pupils, if able, to test twice a week. Please report your LFD results to the NHS (even if negative) as well as to us. You can use the QR code below or click this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/WJZPyA5Nev> . It's really important we know which members of the Spa community are regularly testing. You can order free LFD kits from the NHS or put a note in your child's diary and we can send some home.



Close contacts of positive cases who are under 18 and 7 months and older pupils who are double vaccinated need to test every day for 7 days. We will let you know immediately if your child is a close contact.

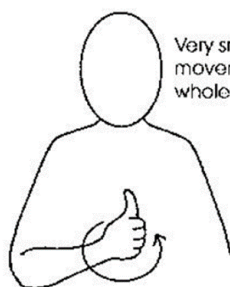
If a member of the household tests positive for COVID, pupils should isolate unless they can take part in 7 day testing. Tests should be taken in the morning before coming to school.

As always, do not hesitate to ask a member of the leadership team or Tanika if you have any questions

Upcoming dates for your diary

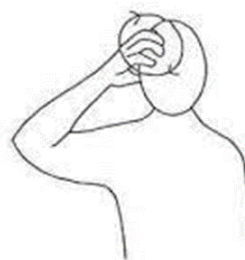
- Spring half term: Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February 2022
- Easter holidays : Monday April 4th— Tuesday 19th April 2022
- Pupil return from Easter break: Wednesday 20th April 2022
- Variety Show: 30th March 2022—details TBC

Key signs



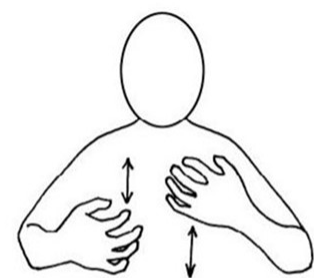
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