

This week's update includes: Holiday reminders and a change to our term dates for the summer term; Snow days; Year 11 mock examinations; senior students; "One Kind Word"; Remembrance Sunday; Author presentation; Hockey International in School; Year 11 football team; Stockport SEND Events for parents

We are mid term now, with 4 weeks remaining until the Christmas holidays. Our priority at the moment is to prepare our Year 11 students for their **GCSE mock examinations** over the coming weeks, starting on Monday. Year 11 students are preparing in a mature way for this ... it's a key checkpoint in letting them know where they have been successful and unsuccessful before the real event. The real events begin in around 20 school weeks' time! So time is of the essence. See below for Mrs Chantler's messages around mock examinations.

We had a lovely opportunity this week to catch up with our **ex-Year 11 students** who have moved onto their new colleges and apprenticeships. They came into school to collect their GCSE certificates, and their teachers were here to say hello and share memories and excitement at their next steps. If you were not able to attend this event, you can collect your GCSE certificates from school reception now. You will need to collect them in person and sign for them.

Holiday reminders and changes.

Reminder We are all looking forward to Christmas of course! Students are not in school on Friday 3rd December. We break up for Christmas on Friday 17th December at midday. Students return on Wednesday 5th January.

Change to summer term holidays ... This year, schools have an extra day of holiday due to the Queen's Jubilee. Schools across our trust have been asked to amend this day and align it with our local primary school in the trust. For us, this is Bredbury Green Primary School. Advanced notice then of the following change:

Friday 8th July will now be a day's holiday

School will now finish on **Friday 22nd July**, not the 21st as previously communicated.

Snow Days: It is coming to that time of the year when we risk the possibility of school needing to close due to adverse weather. As we are due a cold snap I believe, we have updated our Snow Policy. Worth a quick reminder to refresh your memory. It's [here](#).

Year 11 have been busily preparing for their mock examinations. These will be treated like their formal GCSEs as, if circumstances change with regards to any future lockdowns, these will form a huge part of their overall grades. We obviously hope it does not come to that however! The mock timetable has been emailed out to all Yr 11 parents and is also as a link at the top of our website. Exams are due to finish on Friday December 10th and there will be catch up slots available in this week for any student who has missed an exam.

Students have had numerous assemblies over the past few weeks on revision strategies and many rewards have been given out for those students who have made an excellent start this year with their attendance to revision sessions. Assemblies have also been delivered by many of our feeder colleges and Apprenticeship providers, offering an insight into life beyond school so students can make a well-informed decision about their future pathway. Careers interviews are well underway too with over 80% of our students having applied to college already.

If you have any questions, queries or worries about your child in Year 11 with regard to examinations or colleges please contact a member of our Yr 11 team (details on the website under 'Contact Us') and they will be happy to support you.

Senior Students: Thank you to our senior students who have been working so hard behind the scenes with lots of different ideas and initiatives, not only helping staff with lunchtime duties but also working with the



whole school community. Our senior student leadership team has been holding assemblies for our younger students this week in support of anti-bullying week. The team delivered some key messages to year 7 and 8 and helped to raise awareness of where they can get support with this year's theme of **'One kind word'**. The team have also created a 'Drop Box' located in the school library where year 7 students can raise any worries or concerns that they have. Our team is keen to support our younger students in their day to day life at school and want younger students to see them as a friendly face they can turn to no matter what. In our HART area, we have a corridor filled with kind words showcasing Werneth's kindness and

compassion for one another. Also this week our entire senior student team have had a training session with Miss Hibbert as part of their weekly meeting. Students learnt how to deliver student check ins and conduct circle time activities. The team will be working with some of our younger students over the forthcoming weeks, helping to build new friendships and confidence.

Students from Werneth School took part in the **Remembrance Service at Bredbury War Memorial on Sunday**. With a band and singing group made up of Werneth musicians past and present they provided the music for the service. Our Senior students also laid a wreath on behalf of the school. Thank you to Mr Barnett and Miss Darlington for leading this group of students in representing our school.



Romiley Christmas light switch on: We have a fabulous group of year 7 and 8 dancers who have been working really hard over the past few weeks to prepare for their performance at the **Christmas light switch on** in Romiley this weekend. The dancers will take to the stage in front of the Christmas tree at 2.30pm. It would be lovely to see lots of people there to cheer them on during the performance. The event starts at 10am and the light switch on will take place after the sun sets over Romiley. There will also be Christmas gift stalls and festive food available throughout the day. It really is a lovely community event for all of the family.

On Thursday our Year 7 students were invited to a **virtual author event** in the library featuring Michael Rosen, author of "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". Michael shared his brand new book "Sticky McStickstick". He also shared his story of recovery inspired by his



experiences of overcoming Covid-19. It was a lovely experience for both students and staff.

The PE Department were delighted to welcome ex-England International Netball Coach and Player Tracey Neville to Werneth last week. Tracey is well known for leading the England Roses squad to victory during the 2018 Commonwealth Games Final.



She delivered intensive netball training to PE teachers from around the local area. The session she facilitated will be of benefit to our students' netball curriculum, as well developing our club players' skill and expertise. This was a really enjoyable and worthwhile experience and we are looking forward to utilising new coaching ideas and techniques in our lessons and afterschool clubs.

The Y11 football team's run in the GM cup ended on Tuesday after a 6-2 defeat to Altrincham Grammar School. At 2-2 the game was finely in the balance and if we'd have taken our chances it could have been a different result. Conceding 4 goals in the last 10 minutes was tough on the lads but I'm very proud of how they have performed in both the Greater Manchester and National Knockouts. They still have lots to play for with the Stockport Cup Semi final and Stockport League Semi finals taking place after February half term. Time to get their heads down now for the Mock exams! Mr Brierley

Stockport SEND are excited to share with you their events timetable for their third Stockport **SEND Week Action**, which commences on Monday 22nd November. During this **SEND Week of Action** they will be focusing on SEND support and early help. To book onto a session, please visit **Stockport SEND Local Offer** which provides the eventbrite link for each event. There are sessions that may help all parents!

Monday 22nd November	Tuesday 23rd November	Wednesday 24th November	Thursday 25th November	Friday 26th November
Understanding sleep webinar 1pm - 2pm	Using the Stockport SEND Local Offer to find information for your child 11.30 - 12.30	The EHCP process and what should EHCP look like? 9.30am - 12pm	Stockport Autism Strategy 2022 - 2026 6pm - 8pm	Stockport Targeted Youth Service - Our Early Help offer 11am - 12pm
	Meet Stockport's SEND Champions 1pm - 3pm	How do education settings support children and young people with SEN? 10am - 12pm		Early Adulthood Team Young People, Parents and Carers Session 12.30pm - 1.30pm
	Makaton taster session 3pm - 4pm	Audiology advice and support 12pm - 1pm		

Have a good weekend!