

# PARENTAL UPDATE Friday 25th February 2022



This week's update includes: Key Dates for this half term; Year 11 motivational speaker; Year 9 Parents' Evening letter; Year 11 Food and Nutrition; Key Stage 3 Mid Term examinations; Werneth Stars of the Week; Information on Stockport Food Banks; Online Parenting Courses

**Key Dates for this half term**: Half Term 4 is always a busy half term. Here are the key dates for your diaries:

Thursday 3rd March	Year 8 Choices Information Evening
Thursday 10th March	Year 9 Parents' Evening, 4pm to 7pm
Wednesday 16th March	Year 11 Final Mocks begin ( until 23rd March )
Thursday 17th March	Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4pm to 7pm
Thursday 24th March	Year 9 Options Evening, 4pm to 6pm
Friday 1st April	School finishes for Easter at 3.10pm

Welcome to half term 4. Year 11 students' final "normal" half term before they sit their GCSE examinations in the summer term. Year 11 have returned in a focused and determined state of mind for the final countdown ... our motivational speaker this week was very complimentary about their maturity and attention in his presentation on Thursday. Thank you also this week for parents of Year 10 students for your check-in with teachers at the Year 10 Parents' Evening.

### It's Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening on Thursday 10th

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**March**, and Year 9 parents can see the information for this <u>here</u>.

Mrs Aspinall was really pleased with her Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students this week. They completed their practical exam to

produce two dishes, suitable for an occasion, in 3 hours. We have had some incredible dishes being produced that demonstrate a high level of skill and creativity. They all worked very hard and all of the students should be commended for their professionalism, hard work and commitment. Some examples of the dishes are shown here. Well done Year 11!





Whilst we are thinking about food, a reminder that you need a good breakfast to set you up well for learning every day, and also remember to ensure you have access to a drink in school to stay hydrated.

The **Key Stage 3 Mid-Term exams** will take place when we return after Easter.

Year 7 Exams	Week beginning Tuesday 19th April
Year 8 Exams	Week beginning Monday 25th April
Year 9 Exams	Week beginning Tuesday 3rd May

English, Maths and Science Exams will take place in the Hall. The times for these exams will be published closer to the exams. All other exams will take place in classrooms during lessons



for the subject the exam is in. Your child's class teacher will tell them when the exam will take place. Class teachers will also be setting revision homework ahead of the exams.

Congratulations to all of our Werneth Stars of the Week [ left ], nominated for excellence by their teachers. This week's prize winner to receive a voucher is Jack Spillane!



A reminder that there are a number of **foodbanks** in Stockport to support families. We are able to provide you with vouchers for Stockport's foodbanks, if you contact us at school. Contact your child's Year Inclusion Manager for more information.

Here's a new message from Stockport Foodbank about their

latest work to support families:

#### 3 day food parcels, overflowing with 'supplies'

Not a week goes by without a client commenting on how massive our food parcels are. Our warehouse is very well stocked at this time and so our bags not only are full of the usual

selection of staple foods, hygiene items, nappies and some baby supplies, but also a good selection of fresh fruit and vegetables along with the usual top-up of treats and a selection from our front of house boxes. Please remember that the food parcel is scaled up in accordance with the size of the household and we do our best to meet dietary requirements too.

#### **How do I get Foodbank vouchers?**

You can contact school to get access to vouchers. All the Foodbank locations and opening times are shown on the reverse of the voucher or at <a href="https://www.stockport.foodbank.org.uk/locations">www.stockport.foodbank.org.uk/locations</a>

#### How many vouchers can a client have?

The norm is 3 vouchers in 13 weeks. However, should a client need more support than this, school can help by letting the foodback know and additional vouchers can be issued.

If a client arrives at a foodbank without a voucher will they be turned away?

NO! We have a stock of overnight bags with enough food for 24 hours and one will be handed to anyone who does not have a voucher. They will also be given the phone numbers of organisations they can contact for a Foodbank voucher at a later time.

Our latest safeguarding newsletter for parents on **Online Safety** is <u>here</u>. This week it focuses on the dangers of sharing images and videos online.

## Stockport MBC are offering the following recognised online parenting courses FREE for residents of Stockport

- Understanding your pregnancy, birth, labour and your baby
- Understanding your baby (0-12 months)
- Understanding your child (0-19 years)
- Understanding your child with additional needs
- Understanding your teenager's brain
- Understanding your brain (course for teenagers)

The courses above are for anyone playing an active role in a child's life, up until they are 19 – this could be mothers, fathers, partners, carers, professionals of all kinds, grandparents, other family and involved friends

#### Anyone in Stockport can join the courses for free by following these simple instructions:

- 1. Visit the website **inourplace.co.uk**
- 2. Use access code: REDROCK
- 3. You will be asked to create an account so that you can resume the course where you last left off.
- 4. You will also be asked to verify your postcode to make sure that you're a Stockport resident. If you are a professional using this service, please add your postcode as SK1 3XE.

**Enjoy the weekend!**