

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin.

## ParentMail

We have received notification that some parents are unable to see items in their ParentMail apps. Please ensure that your ParentMail app is up to date, this seems to resolve the issue. Alternatively, you can access your ParentMail account through a web browser.

## School Disco

If you have purchased your child a disco ticket, please remember to complete the required consent form on ParentMail Forms. We currently have more disco tickets sold than consent forms completed. Tickets are on sale via ParentMail until 10.00am on Monday 14th October after which time we will be unable to sell any tickets. Many thanks.

## Travel to school safety reminder

Please be reminded that all children should wear a helmet if cycling or scooting to school. In addition, with the imminent end of Daylight Saving, please start to have bikes prepared with lights.

## House Competition: Harvest Festival Food Bank Donations

Thank you so much for the donations which we have received so far. There is no clear winner yet - the four house trolleys in reception are looking pretty equal. The Food Bank keeps us stocked up with snacks and breakfast cereals as well as supporting families with a weekly shop when needed. Keep the donations coming in please - one week to go!

## House Assemblies

Thursday saw our first whole school house assemblies of the year. The pupils have met their vertical house communities, played games together and the pupils in Years 5-7 have been offered the opportunity to apply to be year group house reps. We look forward to seeing their pitches.

## September's House Competition - French - European Day of Languages

Our EDL competition was launched a few weeks ago in a Whole school Assembly. Lots of entries are being handed in. The deadline is Friday 25th October so we encourage pupils to keep them coming. If there are any questions about what you have to do, ask a Year 8 Language Leader or your French teacher.

## Interhouse Year 7 Netball

The year 7's played their first inter house netball game on Monday. The scores were as follows:-

Vujicic v Malala  
4-0 to Vujicic

Watson v Grylls  
1-0 to Grylls

The matches will continue next week.

## Appropriate clothing for the weather:

As the weather is getting colder, we remind you that black tracksuit bottoms are permitted in PE. Also, if the girls want to wear leggings for PE, they must be the EMS branded ones.

In addition - we only keep the children in at break time if rain is torrential. Please ensure they have a coat.

## QE Careers Fair Wednesday 16th October

Year 8 pupils have been invited to attend with parents from 5-7.30pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to look at different career options for the future as well as coming home with some freebies! Mrs Robertson will be taking a minibus from school at 4.30pm for pupils whose parents cannot take them. Please contact the office if you would like a place.

## Independent Learners - Learning Equipment

Please be reminded that children need a pencil, handwriting pen, ruler, rubber and glue stick every day - brought from home - along with the whiteboard pen and whiteboard provided by school. Pupils will be demerited if they are missing equipment at their equipment checks each morning. If your child is still learning how to organise this please provide systems at home to ensure these are checked off each morning.

## Year 7 Art from Other Cultures

Well done to our Year 7 pupils for their fantastic work reflecting Esther Mahlangu paintings. As you can see below, while this is a work in progress and they are working very hard. We look forward to seeing the finished outcomes.



All that is left is to wish everyone a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker.