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Quickfire Week

The week in bullet points

- ◇ Year 8 Parent Consultation and Options Evening was held on Thursday.
- ◇ The Holcombe Association Disco for Years 7 and 8 took place on Friday. We hope students had a great time. We would like to thank all staff members and parent volunteers involved for their support.

This Week (Week A)

- ◇ Every Wednesday until week commencing 22nd April: Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Training 3pm-5pm.
- ◇ Thursday 4th April: Pizza Night for selected Year 9 and 10 pupils.
- ◇ Friday 5th April: Tag Day for Royal British Legion for all students. Please bring in your voluntary £1 donations. Friday is also the last day of Term. Term 5 will commence Tuesday 23rd April. This will be Week B.

Trip Payment Schedules

Japan: Third instalment of £295 due 30th March.

Norfolk and Normandy: Final instalments are due.

Croatia: Deposit of £150 is due.

Iceland: First payment of £500 is due 5th April.

Braydon's Karate

Huge congratulations to Braydon Turner, Year 8, who achieved his black belt in karate on Sunday! This is a phenomenal achievement. We are extremely proud of him.

Here is what Braydon says about it: 'I started Shizendo karate 5 years ago, the style of karate is Wado Ryu. Since then, I have worked hard training once a week and practicing at home to learn the different katas to achieve belts from white and red 10th kyu, to brown two stripe 1st kyu.

On Sunday 24th March at Tonbridge, I successfully graded for my black belt; it has taken me a year to achieve this belt. I am now a Junior Shodan 1st Dan. Karate is not about violence, fighting or aggression, it is about development through the martial arts way. The key to learning is discipline, which leads to respect. I have also learnt how to use the Tonfa through the weapons courses. My aim now is to learn the applications of the katas and self-defence techniques. I would also like to become a child instructor at the club where I train.'

Well done, Braydon! Your sportsmanship and dedication to your extra-curricular activity is fantastic to see. Thank you for being an inspiration to our students. We wish you the best of luck as you continue your karate journey.



King's College Hospital Fundraising



Message from Miss Martin: 'I'm asking for your donations for King's College Hospital because this year marks 10 years since I was nearly killed in a road accident.

I was thrown from my bike and ended up with a fractured skull, wasn't fully conscious for ten days and it was expected that I would suffer severe brain damage as a result.

The doctors advised my family to give up hope that I would ever work again as I might not be able to look after myself, let alone become a teacher.

However, through weeks of treatment and care from this hospital and with lots of prayers and support from my family, I walked away from that trauma 100% healed. I went back to work part-time initially but full-time again within two months and completed my teacher training a year later. Please join me in remembering and being thankful for this time in my life by giving generously.

Thank you so much on behalf of all those in King's Hospital who will benefit from this!

There is a donation box at the School Office.

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Tag Day Reminder

As part of our charity work at the school, students are allowed to wear non-uniform clothes to school on Friday 5th April. This will apply to all year groups, including Sixth Form. In order to participate, students will be asked to bring in a voluntary donation of £1 which will be donated to a range of charitable organisations, including the Royal British Legion.

Students taking part in any TAG Day should not be wearing earrings or baseball caps/hats within school. If wearing a hooded top, they will not be allowed to have the hood up on the school grounds. They should also not wear any clothes with potentially rude or offensive images or logos.

Should you wish further information on the work of The Royal British Legion, or to make a further donation to support their invaluable work, it is available at <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>. We are looking forward to seeing lots of non-uniformed students on Friday 5th April and to raising money for a great cause.

Revision Sessions Year 13

Some departments are able to offer additional study sessions over the Easter break for Year 13 students (subject to appropriate take-up numbers). Please can students identify the sessions they are able to attend and fill in the table sent home via ParentPay on Tuesday 26th to confirm their booking with us. Reply slips needed to be returned to the Sixth Form Office by morning registration today (Monday 1st April 2019), so please return as soon as possible.

Year 13 Revision Sessions Available

Monday 8th April	AM	PE (ANN) 09:00-12:00
		RS (HCK) 09:00- 12:00
	All day	Maths (ABS/ FWN)) 09:00- 15:00
Tuesday 9th April	AM	Psychology Paper 2 (KJJ) 09:00-12:00
		Art & Design (RMO) 09:00- 12:00
	All day	English (ITS/ PHS) 09:00- 15:00
Wednesday 10th April	AM	Psychology/ & Sociology (KJJ) 09:00- 12:00
		Art & Design (RMO) 9:00- 12:00
	All day	Media Studies (RLS) 09:00- 15:00
		English (ITS/ PHS) 09:00- 15:00
Thursday 11th April	AM	PE (ANN) 09:00-12:00
		Psychology Paper 3 (KJJ) 09:00-12:00
	All day	Media Studies (RLS) 09:00- 15:00
		English (ITS/ PHS) 09:00- 15:00
Friday 12th April	AM	Sociology (KJJ) 09:00- 12:00
Monday 15th April	AM	PE (ANN) 09:00-12:00
		Sociology (KJJ) 09:00- 12:00
Tuesday 16th April	All day	Biology (JSN) 09:00- 15:00
Thursday 18th April	All day	Biology (JSN) 09:00- 15:00

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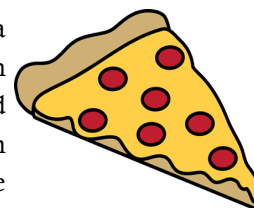
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Dates

Friday 5th April	Tag Day for Royal British Legion
8th-22nd April	Spring Break
Tuesday 23rd April	Term 5 starts
Monday 6th May	May Day Bank Holiday
W/C Monday 6th May	Year 7, 8, 9 Prelims (core subjects only)
7th-10th May	Norfolk Trip
10th May	Year 10 Finance Exam
Monday 27th -Friday 31st May	May Break
Monday 3rd June	Term 6 starts
Thursday 13th June	Year 5 Taster Session (PM, after school)
Monday 17th June	Year 10 Internal Examinations
W/C Monday 24th June	Year 12 Prelims
24th-27th June	Normandy Trip
Thursday 27th June	Year 6 Induction Day and Evening for parents
W/C Monday 1st July	Year 12 Work Experience Week
2nd-3rd July	Sixth Form Induction
Thursday 4th July	Senior Prizegiving
Tuesday 16th July	Founders' Day
Friday 19th July	End of Term

Pizza Night

On Thursday 4th April, a Pizza Night is being held in H25, from 3:15—4:30pm, for forty Year 9 and 10 students. This is a celebration event for students that have excellent academically, displayed excellent behaviour, or have made the extra effort to seek support. Students will enjoy the afternoon relaxing, socialising and eating pizza. Heads of Year Mrs Manning and Mr Conway have organised this event to recognise these achievements and say thank you to our students. We will be holding these celebration events once a Term. Keep up the hard work, Years 9 and 10! We hope you enjoy your well-deserved end of Term treat.



Year 13 Geography Revision

Last Wednesday 20th March, Year 13 Geography A Level students successfully spent an intense day studying at the Emmanuel Centre for the Pearson Edexcel A-level Geography Student Revision Day. During the Conference, our students were able to thoroughly cover the examination skills required for Papers 1, 2 and 3, with tips for answering data stimulus, numerical, short and extended-writing questions. The day was led by experts in their field, David Holmes, Cameron Dunn and Bob Digby, who also recapped and reinforced the core content from the specification.

Whilst the day was incredibly busy with lots to consider, and explore, the cohort found it invaluable, and it reinforced much of what they already knew.

-Mrs Obee