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Headteacher Comments

Good afternoon, another busy week has seen us complete our in school testing. Year groups 8-11 have now received their first batch of home testing kits with Year 7 to receive them on Monday. If you have not received them please contact the relevant Year Administrator. All the staff involved have done an incredible job both in the testing centre itself and behind the scenes to prepare the huge amount of paperwork that is needed. I would also like to say a massive well done to all the students that have taken part which has accumulated in over 4,000 tests having been undertaken in two weeks. It can be quite daunting taking the tests in front of people without family members with you. However, they have been exceptional in the way they have handled themselves throughout. Well done to everyone involved!

This week's NEWS & VIEWS is from the Maths Department and Food Technology who had their Year 11 students take part in practical assessments showcasing their picnic making skills. Enjoy!



Maths Department

Mathematics in Years 7 and 8

One of our long-term visions is to provide the best mathematics students in KS3 with opportunities to challenge themselves mathematically outside maths lessons. We are hopeful that the UK maths challenge competition will be one of the platforms for our very best to showcase their maths ability. Using their problem-solving skills, students will compete against the very best in the country. The best performers, that is the top 40% of participants, will be awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates. The top 2000 students will be selected and invited to take part in the Junior Olympiad. We are hopeful of enrolling our first candidate at the start of the next calendar year.

Mathematics in Years 9 and 10

Students have adapted well to returning to the classroom. With technology becoming a big part of students' learning we have introduced Dr Frost Maths. This is an important resource for students when consolidating learning. There are PowerPoints, exam questions and topics broken into key skills to aid students' learning and progress. It marks students' work in live time to allow for immediate feedback. This is being utilised in lessons and homework for all students.



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Food Technology Department

Year 11 have been busy planning their food products for their Picnics Practical assessment.

The design brief from the exam board was to provide a portable picnic product suitable for a music festival.

During lockdown they worked on researching and investigating various food trends that would be suitable for their practical assessment.

They had to plan and cook a product in a two-hour time slot, showing a wide variety of complex cooking techniques, showcasing their talents. Our students demonstrated their talents by producing some outstanding work.

Some of the high skilled dishes produced were, Nigerian chicken pies, samosas, sushi, profiteroles, beer battered fish and chips, fruit tartlets with crème patisserie, steamed bao buns with char sui pork, tapenade stuffed focaccia bread, mini pizza, southern fried chicken and calzones.

This year in particular we are immensely proud of our Year 11 during this assessment week. They worked with confidence, under extreme pressure in a fast-paced kitchen environment, despite having missed practical lessons during lockdown.



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