

Head's Newsletter

6 May 2022

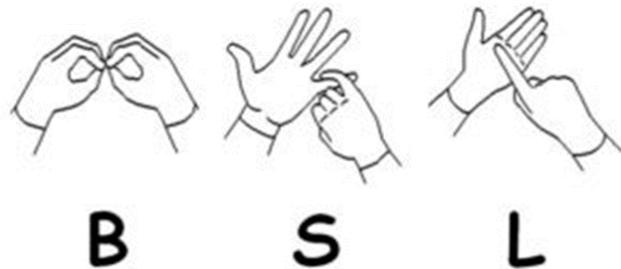
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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that all is well with you and your families.

Deaf Awareness Week – British Sign Language (BSL) Sessions

On Wednesday lunchtime, Mrs Nethersell-Webb organised a British Sign Language (BSL) taster session for a group of students. A British sign language speaker, Caroline Taylor, came in to talk to the students about BSL and the deaf community. She then taught the students finger spelling and how to do basic signs, including how to tell people your name and ask how people are. The students were really engaged and left enthused to learn more.



Thank you to Mrs Nethersell-Webb for organising the session.

Year 10 Sports Leaders and KS1 Multi Skills Event



I received some fantastic feedback regarding our Year 10 sports leaders and the ways they supported a Key Stage 1 multi-skills event this week, both from staff involved and the main event organiser. The praise included terms such as “helpful, caring and considerate” – a brilliant endorsement for the way the youngsters conducted themselves.

Well done and thank you to all involved!

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Future Hobart Allotment? – Papillon Project



An exciting new adventure is emerging through The Papillon Project – an educational charity that promotes sustainable living through schools and 6th forms growing their own food. The produce can then be used within the setting or the local community.

Last Friday, someone from the project visited the school to look at potential areas on our site where an allotment might be developed, and to give the background on the charity and how they can support us, including the generous offer of providing the basic materials we will need. The Papillon project have successfully run projects across the county, and we already have plans in place for the next visit and stages of development.

Thank you to Mrs Nethersell-Webb for her contact with staff at the project.

MFL Stars of the Week

This week's stars of the week are:

Chloe Tuttle (Year 9)
Daniel Chipperfield (Year 8)

Well done for your hard work and achievements.



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Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition

Good luck to the first Year 10 D of E groups, who left school today for their practice expedition. This includes camping out overnight and prepares them for the 'real thing' in the near future! Thank you to Ms Vickers for taking them and all other staff who are devoting their time to support the expedition.

Forthcoming Science Lecture at Hobart

A reminder that Thursday 12 May is the date for a science lecture at the school - Alina Ivan will present on "Mastering Memory", a topic that I am sure will prove fascinating to those attending. I mentioned this event in my newsletter last week, and we have had an excellent level of interest from the Hobart community. There are limited places left – please contact the school if you wish to try to reserve a place.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fete – Loddon - 4 June 2022

Some information on a forthcoming event within our community:

Loddon and Chedgrave Parish Councils have come together to put on a spectacular day out to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. With over 60 stalls, there will be a mix of traditional fete games like china smashing, hook a duck, toy tombola and more. Delicious food and drink will be available, including a BBQ, cream teas, and pizza as well as lots of things to buy and see from local businesses and groups. Those attending will be able to have their faces painted, jump on the bouncy castles, watch a Punch and Judy show, and be mesmerised by our amazing magician. Other entertainment in the schedule running the whole day includes dance groups, gymnastic acts, live music and even a fun dog show!

Find out more on the website: <https://www.theplatinumjubileefete.com/>

Mobile Phones

Please can you remind your child that if they bring their mobile phone to school, this should be handed in at reception for safekeeping until collection at the end of the day. Mobile phones that are seen or heard are confiscated, and a second confiscation in a half term will require collection of the mobile by a family member.

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PE Kit on PE Days from 16 May

Written GCSE exams begin on 16 May and for this six week period, students will need to wear their PE kit to school on days when they have PE on their timetables. This arrangement will be in place because the sports hall is the venue for the GCSE exams, and if students use the changing facilities the exams will be disturbed. Unfortunately, we have limited alternatives in terms of where students can change.

Invigilators Needed

We are looking to recruit exam invigilators to support our summer GCSE season. If you are interested, please visit the vacancies page on our website [here](#).

Best wishes and have a super weekend.

Ross Li-Rocchi
Head of School