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Year 11 - Outstanding Attendance at Revision Sessions – Students Opt-in!

Since the launch of this year's Passport to the Prom initiative at the start of term, we have seen a significant increase in the number of students opting-in to their exam revision by attending numerous after-school revision sessions each week. We are now on the countdown to the summer exams, with the next round of practice exams which start after half-term and every additional revision session counts! The vast majority of Year 11 students have already attended at least one revision session, with many on course to meet the target of at least of five maths, five English and five science revision sessions, along with a minimum of five other subject sessions of their choice. Congratulations to Ruby Anderson, Tia Barton, Jaimee Botten, Nicole Chen, Tiffany Connors, Jacob Griggs, Takudzwa Blessing Gusha, Ilyaas Kureemun, Ruby Marshall and Katie Wigley, who are topping the leader board having already attended over seven after-school revision sessions; a third of the minimum required to be eligible to attend the Year 11 prom in June. Many will be aiming to clock-up over thirty sessions to qualify for the prize draw with some great prizes including Prom tickets, professional photos on Prom night and numerous other prizes. Congratulations to 11x1, who have jointly achieved the most revision sessions attended with 11Y3 and 11X5 close behind. Year 11 are smashing it they just need to keep up all the hard work, both in school and at home, by following their personal revision programmes; just ten school weeks until the start of the summer exams!



Reflecting on Holocaust Memorial Day

As part of International Holocaust Memorial Day, last weekend, our History department have been highlighting the importance of recognising the suffering of those affected by Nazi Germany's deliberate murder of approximately six million European Jews and at least five million prisoners of war. Mrs Wright led year group assemblies, highlighting the horrors of the holocaust and other groups of people that have been, and are still being persecuted, through similar actions – Cambodia 1975-1979; Rwanda 1994, Bosnia 1995 and Darfur 2003 to present day. During the past fortnight, students in Years 7 and 8 have watched a special webcast in their History lessons, with World War 2 holocaust survivor, Hedi Argent about how she left the Czech Republic at the age 10 to escape the antisemitism she and her family faced. Students across the school have also looked at Holocaust Memorial Day in their weekly PSHE lesson during form time and reflected with a 'Form Pledge'. In addition, our History Club, which meets every Monday lunchtime, is reading Anne Frank's diary this month.



Year 8 Maths Stars in Action

Last week our top Year 8 mathematicians were in action in the latest edition of the North Essex Mathematics Olympiad (NEMO) which took place at Philip Morant School in Colchester. It was the largest NEMO competition yet, with twenty-seven teams from schools across the district competing at the highest level of problem-solving! The students had to combine their maths knowledge with their reading comprehension and problem-solving skills to tackle as many challenging maths questions and puzzles as they could across three rounds. The contest culminated in the NEMO Challenge, a geometry puzzle worth as many points as an entire round. Congratulations to our team - Ben, Andy, Luke, Zac and Tylen, who stormed the final round, one of only a few teams to solve the final puzzle, catapulting them into third place. Well done to them all, they all worked extremely well together and put in an amazing performance!



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Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – Second Practice Hike Completed

Our Year 9 DofE students endured some cold and misty conditions when they took part in their second practice hike this week, for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.



The hikers were split into small groups and used their navigation skills to find their way along their pre-planned routes using marked footpaths from the designated start and finish points at Little Bentley and Weeley Village.



The sixty students completed their 8km hike without making too many mistakes, although a few groups had to back-track and find the footpath that they should have been on! They now start preparing for their final practice hike in April, which will take them through Gt Oakley, Ramsey and Dovercourt, when they will be utilising camping stoves to cook their own lunch. Their two-day assessment hike takes place in Thetford Forest in June, which includes more camp cooking and a night under canvas.

Medal Haul at Essex Swimming Championships

Congratulations to two of our top swimmers who recently competed in the Essex County Championships, at the London Aquatic Centre. Emily (Year 9), competing in her age-group 50m and 100m Breaststroke events, made it through the heats to qualify in both finals. She then went on to win the 50m Breaststroke Bronze medal and was placed 8th in the 100m finals. In addition, Harry (Year 7) had a fantastic weekend after gaining qualifying times for seven different age-group races. He brought home a silver medal in his 200m backstroke and qualified, as one of the ten swimmers, in the final of the 100m backstroke. In addition, Harry secured a qualifying time for the Regional Swimming Championships later in the year. The swimmers will be back at the London Aquatic Centre in a few weeks for the next round of the County Championships.



Design Idea Brought to Life

After being tasked with designing a new boardgame, Year 10 students Ben, Josh and Ethan felt that their ideas were too good to just leave on paper and decided to bring their concept design to life. They embarked on their unique boardgame during the summer term, when they were still in Year 9, and have recently unveiled their finished pirate themed 'Buccaneer Brawl' boardgame. Having spent hours designing, prototyping, refining, re-designing and manufacturing, the game is ready to play. The team even designed and manufactured all of the playing pieces and counters along with a special presentation box, utilising laser cutters, 3D and UV printers. Ben and Ethan are pictured with their boardgame when they unveiled the finish article on the final day of the autumn term. What a fantastic achievement - Ben, Josh and Ethan.



Book Corner

'All of Us Villains' by Amanda Foody and Christine Lynn Herman

Recommended Read from Maths Teacher – Rebecca Matthews. This is an easy read and keeps you wondering what's going to happen next; it's mainly a fantasy/ adventure novel.

