

Court Fields School



Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin

Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 19th November 2021

Thank you for your support again this week as we continue to deal with the ongoing impact of Covid. We will be continuing with our 'amber' measures for at least the next two weeks, so please do remind your child of the importance of reducing close contacts, social distancing, enhanced hygiene and wearing masks in corridors and communal areas. We have continued to see a number of cases, with a further 8 positive PCRs since I wrote to you on Monday. It is, therefore, absolutely vital that we all do what we can to reduce the risk of transmission, especially with the Christmas holiday on the horizon. I hope you have a lovely weekend. Take care, Mrs Matthews

Electronic data collection

We are rolling out our annual data collection electronically this year as part of our drive to reduce unnecessary paper communications. Links have already gone out to our Year 11 parents and will follow to Year 10 – 8 over the next couple of weeks. Our Year 7 students have already completed new student packs, so will not need to do this. The aim is to make this a much simpler system for parents to check information we hold is correct, and to give the consents we need for routine activities. If you have issues accessing IT, then a paper booklet can be made available for you. This is a new system for us so please do contact the school office if you have any issues. Thank you for your support. The Front Office Team

Anti-Bullying Week



We have had a successful Anti-Bullying week, which has seen Odd Sock Day, assemblies and tutor time activities. We have really focused on #BeKind and our students have responded exceptionally well. One Kind Word was the theme and we encouraged all students to say at least one kind word each day to someone. We will be continuing our #BeKind theme over this term, with a focus on being kind to self, others and the environment. Students will explore these topics in tutor and PSHE time.



Children in Need/Sports Shirt Day

We are proud to support Children in Need, and students donated through non-uniform day today. Some students created their own challenges to raise money, which was great to see.

We will also be supporting Football Shirt Day on Friday 26th November. We are doing this a week later as it clashes with Children in Need. We are inviting students to bring in £1 and wear a sports top, this can be any kind of sports top such as football, rugby, horse-riding etc. It can also include PE kit. All money donated will go to the Bobby Moore Fund, Tackling Bowel Cancer. All students taking part will be expected to wear school trousers or skirts, the sports tops can replace the shirt, tie and blazer. Those choosing to not partake will be required to be in full school uniform. Branded Hoodies do not count as a sports top. In the event the sports top is short sleeved students are permitted to wear a long sleeve top underneath or bring their blazer. Thank you for all your support.



Celebrating success!

A huge well done to Sophie A (left) who achieved her Black Belt in Karate last month! Congratulations!

Congratulations also go to Lotti V (right), who finished 5th in the 15-16 National League trampolining competition last week. A brilliant achievement given nearly 2 years of no competitions through the pandemic, a dislocated knee and plenty of physio. She had a new voluntary routine and achieved a personal best on execution in the final, which was fantastic. Well done!



Yoga club

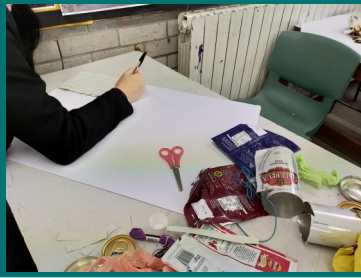
Yoga club will be running this term for Year 9 after school on a Monday, and Year 11 after school on a Friday. Both will be held in the Drama Studio.

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REMINDER

Payment reminder

London CPA trip: Next payment due 30/11/21 please.



Junk Kouture project

Our Year 10 art students are working on a 'Junk Kouture' national competition. They have been working tirelessly and now have their final designs for what they want to make. Next week we will be joined in lessons by the lead teachers for fashion and textiles from BTC to give our students an opportunity to work at industry level as they start to make their garments, highlighting the impact of fast fashion and the current plastic pollution epidemic.



Christmas is coming!

Coming soon...the CPA Christmas Showcase! Look out for links to this fantastic showcase of Music, Art, and Drama!

Book of the week: Endgame by Malorie Blackman

Malorie Blackman's iconic and groundbreaking *Noughts and Crosses* is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2021 – and with it comes *Endgame*, the electrifying final book in the series.

Newcomers to *Noughts and Crosses* would be advised to start at the beginning as *Endgame* draws heavily on what has come before, not least the murder of gangster Dan Jeavons and the kidnapping of Troy and Libby.

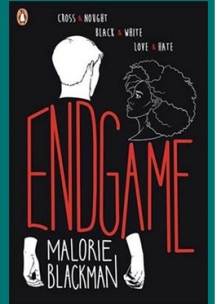
It's an action-packed instalment full of close calls, shocking killings and treachery, as the characters question who they can trust – and it will keep readers guessing right to the end, too.

But there's plenty of time for emotion as well, as Blackman expertly weaves together all the threads from the series to form a satisfying if bittersweet conclusion.

The story is interspersed with news articles based on contemporary issues, which highlight just how relevant the world Blackman imagined in 2001 still is today. And as with all the books in the series, there's plenty of food for thought about race, politics, class and society.

Endgame is a fitting end to an incredible series, and will make readers want to return to the first book all over again.

Note: The book does include some swearing and violence.



Year 9 Food Technology schedule

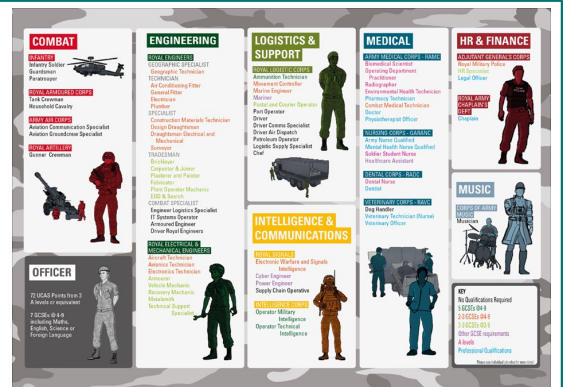
Please find attached the Food Technology Booklet for Year 9 students for the Autumn term, including the schedule and ingredients list.



Army careers

Have you considered a career in the Army but unsure where to start? The Army's virtual events are the perfect place for you to explore the roles available in the Army. Presented live by a serving soldier, you will experience an in-depth presentation about the area you are most interested in, have the opportunity to ask any questions to our presenter and take part in interactive polls.

Find out more information on the schools website <https://www.courtfields.net/category/careers-parents-students/> Miss Hunt



Important Notice

Reminder - temporary change to School lunch break

Year 11 students will be taking exams in school from Tuesday 23rd November to Friday 3rd December.

During this time we will be making a temporary change to the timing of the lunch break for the whole School. This change is to support Year 11. **From Monday 22nd November to Friday 3rd December, lunch will be 12.30 – 13.00** (instead of the usual 13.30 – 14.00).

All other times will remain the same.



Forward Diary Dates

23rd November - 3rd December - Year 11 PPE Exams

17th December - Last day of term—early finish at 12.45 pm

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