

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

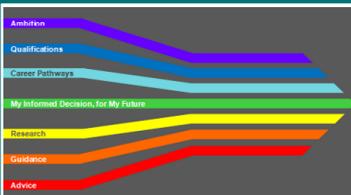
Friday 6th January 2022



Firstly, a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a restful holiday over the festive period and were able to spend time with friends and family. From all of us at Court Fields we wish you and your family a healthy and happy 2023.

This week has been straight into it with Year 11 revision for their PPE exams, which take place in 3 weeks, planning for our Year 9 Futures process, assemblies for all Year Groups on our Court Fields Characteristic for this week, which is courage. Staff continue with their focus on reading and adaptive teaching to support all our students in lessons, and of course our focus on attendance. We know there are a lot of germs out there at the moment, but being at school is key, both academically and socially, so thank you for your support in ensuring your child's attendance is as high as possible.

Have a lovely weekend. Best wishes, Mrs Matthews



Year 9 Futures (Options)

As a parent or carer, you have a leading role when your child is making decisions about their career. That's why it's important to be prepared and feel confident

when they come to you for advice. We are here to help with the key things you need to know, and to signpost you in the direction of any additional support that you may need.

Career Conversations Talking to your child about careers is important. Not only when they're making big decisions, such as subject choices and what to do when they leave school, but also throughout their school lives and beyond.

In School Support Your child will have their own Year 9 Student Workbook, and they will be completing this and other activities related to Futures in Tutor Time.

They will have a 1:1 interview to help them make their Options Choices. This will be with either a member of the Senior Leadership Team, Mr Rooke (Head of Year 9), or their Tutor. They should also talk to you, and complete a section of their Workbook as part of their Options preparation. This is in addition to the Futures (Options) Evening. If they would like the opportunity to talk through their thoughts with our careers advisor please make contact with Miss Hunt chunt@courtfields.net.

A Bit More Help? With all this in mind you and your child may well feel very prepared for their Options Choices and their next steps into Key Stage 4. However, If you feel you need additional support, don't worry. Here are a range of sources of help, advice and guidance:

www.youthemployment.org.uk/teachers-resources/

www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/careers-lab

www.worldskillsuk.org/directions/careers-advice-resources/careers-advice-toolkit

www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/gcses/choosing-your-gcses

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrjh92p

www.educatemagazine.com/gcses-careers-future/

www.icould.com

<https://tutorful.co.uk/guides/a-parent-s-guide-to-gcses>

Timetable—Year 9 Futures (Options)

Date	Activity
9 th January 2023	Start of Year 9 Futures Programme
23 rd —27 th January 2023	Year 9 Futures Week
9 th Jan – 4 th March 2023	Futures interviews with Tutors/Head of Year/SLT
26 th January 2023	Futures (Options) Evening
6 th March 2023	Deadline for Options forms to your Form Tutor

Ski Trip 2023

The snow is looking good for our trip in February. Here is a screenshot from the webcam today! Have a look at the webcams yourself, which are at the Ski Jewel



for the latest information. Everyone is getting very excited with only a few weeks to go!

It's January and our local colleges are about to open their doors for students and parents to take a look at all that's on offer.

Please take a look at the Careers sections on our school website, where you will find key dates for college events along with our plan for the year and other useful information.



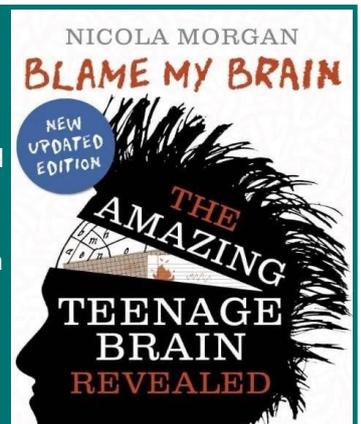
Calling all Parents and Carers!

This is your opportunity to take part in an exciting free of charge opportunity, hosted on 25th January 6:30-8pm.

Nicola Morgan (Author of 'The Amazing Teenage Brain Revealed') will be live streaming a presentation.

Here is the link:

<https://msteams.link/9ZWC>



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Year 2 Multiskills Christmas Festival

A big thank you to the Year 2s from our local feeder Primary Schools for coming to last year's festival, which was held in December. Our fantastic sports leaders made it an occasion to remember and all should be very proud of themselves. Lots of fun, learning...and tinsel everywhere!



HPV and Flu Vaccinations

You should have had an email regarding the HPV and flu vaccinations for your child. If you haven't already and would like your child to receive these vaccinations, please consent for your child to have these vaccinations as soon as possible. You can do this by clicking on the link in the email. If you haven't received these emails, please contact the school office. **HPV for Years 8 and 9 and Flu for Years 7, 8 and 9.**



Fearless is a site where you can access information and advice about crime aimed at young people. To find out more information, please use the following link: <https://www.fearless.org/en>



If you are under 18, live in the UK and a nude image or video of you has been shared online, you can report it to be removed from the internet by following the steps outlined on the following link: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/>

Fun Run 2022—Inter-House Results!

Well done to Blackdown who are the house winners of last year's Fun Run. What a spectacular whole school event! Outstanding efforts from all.

Thank you again to all involved and for the fantastic participation.



Toilet Twinning charity

Here is our certificate which will go up in the girls' Year 10/11 toilets in B Block.

This was paid for through a donation to the Toilet Twinning charity in lieu of printing and sending Christmas cards from school. This particular charity was suggested by students from Years 7, 8 and 10. Thanks also to Sophie and her Year 7 students who chose Tanzania as our first twinning location. This will be referenced in geography lessons and through assemblies and tutor time so that the students understand their responsibilities in terms of looking after the facilities they are fortunate enough to have.

We will twin more toilets over the coming months/years so that we can support other communities and raise awareness.

More information can be found at <https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

Temporary change to School lunch break

We will be making a temporary change to the timing of the lunch break for the whole school on **Monday 9th January only**. This change is to support Year 11 who will be taking exams on this date.



On Monday 9th January, lunch will be 12:30 – 13:10 (instead of the usual 13:30 – 14:10).

All other times will remain the same.

Year 7 Zeke D Lillia M & Lleya C	Year 8 Riley S CJ Murewa Florence A & Jasmine S
Year 9 Toby & Bailey George W Cerys & Milly Kelsey E & Leila C	Year 10 Jack L & Kewa Harry J Arabella Scarlett & Hannah
Year 11 Theo W Andrei & Nathan	
Chloe P Casev C	

DIARY DATES

12th January

Year 10 Parents Evening

16th January

Year 7/8/9 Flu Vaccinations

19th January

Music G&T Workshop—all years

26th January

Year 9 Holocaust Speaker

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