



Parent Bulletin Week Commencing 15th April Week A

Notices:

- **All years:** The Gloucestershire Local Authority is recommending this app for any students 7-12 who are struggling with low to moderate level anxiety. It is a free app which has had some very positive feedback amongst trial users. Please read all guidelines before downloading as this is not recommended for students experiencing severe anxiety without clinical supervision: [here](#)
- **All years:** To be in line with other social media, the age restriction for WhatsApp has been reduced this week by owners Meta. For more information on the end to end encryption used see here: [here](#)
- **All years:** We have a Job vacancy for Clerk to the Governing Board Committees. Details can be found via the link: [here](#)
- **All years:** To support students completing formal assessments in practical subjects over the coming weeks, some of the student toilets will be locked during lesson times. They will be open for use as normal at break and lunch, and in an emergency at other times students can report to Student Services.
- **All years: SNOW SPORTS TRIP 2025.** After a fabulous week in Bormio we will be returning next year. The trip will take place in February half term (14/02/2025). I have negotiated more spaces, but to get an exact price I need to confirm numbers. Sadly, everything is increasing at the moment and this will be no exception. I expect the total cost for the trip to be in the region of £1400-1600. If you are interested in a place for your child on the trip and you haven't already expressed an interest, please complete this [FORM](#) by Wednesday 17th April. All those who completed the form originally will be allocated a place. Thank you, Laura Hubbard-Miles, Trip Leader.
- **Year 9-11:** Language Gap summers are on the way! [click here for details.](#)
- **Year 9: Parents Evening is now live,** please click [here](#) to book appointments for English Maths and Science (pupils are allocated one science teacher who will be able to discuss all 3 sciences)
- **Year 11 uniform:** Our expectations for uniform have not changed and will stay the same during the exam period. Thanks for your help in ensuring that the vast majority of students are still following our uniform code correctly. As we move into the exam period, please support us by ensuring your child wears the right uniform so we can be supporting their exam prep than 'nagging' about shoes / PE kit etc. PE kit should not be worn for exams. Please let your child's tutor know if there are any issues with a uniform item via email.

The pastoral team say a very fond farewell and a massive thank you to Gemma Hartshorn today. In addition to being the face of student services, medical and attendance alongside many other jobs, she has been this bulletin's coordinator for the past 7 years. We wish her all the best in her new job.

Mr Eckersley.

Safeguarding:

Do check out all the support out there, as listed on the Mental Health Z Card. This is a Gloucestershire publication, but a lot of the agencies/charities are national and will apply to families living in Swindon, Wiltshire and Oxfordshire too. [Here](#).

A new campaign from the NSPCC - **Listen up, Speak up**

It's up to all of us to keep children safe. Take our free, 10-minute digital training and learn what to do if you are ever worried about a child or their family [here](#)

Letters to parents: [here](#)

- Calendar term dates and school day- [here](#)
- Clubs and Activities poster spring term- [here](#)
- Library Website Letter.
- Library newsletter.
- Boys and Girls Summer Sports Clubs.
- KS3: DT Contribution letter.
- KS4: DT Contribution letter.
- Year 8: Mini whiteboard scheme.
- Year 8: Trip to Harwell Science and Innovation Campus.
- Year 7: Warwick Castle trip.