



Whole School Information

- SchoolsBuddy – After School Options** - It has come to our attention that not all students are using SchoolsBuddy on a daily basis to inform the school of what they are doing after school. It is of paramount importance that we know where all our students are for safeguarding, health and safety reasons. We would therefore like to remind all students that they must log in to SchoolsBuddy and select an option for every day of the week, including the going home option if that is applicable. Your child's tutor will be monitoring this, ensuring that all students are signing up as requested. Students are able to cancel an option and reselect if required to accommodate any change in plans throughout the week. We will be reminding students how to use SchoolsBuddy on the first Monday back and will have a help desk in the hub at lunchtimes during the first week after half term run by our Office Holder team. Thank you for your support with this matter.
- As usual the library has been busy this term issuing books. Some books borrowed in the early weeks of term (and in some cases before the summer holiday) are now overdue and are yet to come back. The pupils have been reminded by tutors and library staff. Please check with your children and encourage them to look for any library books over the holiday.
- Swim Academy & Club members - As we are a Swim England affiliated club all Academy & Club swimmers are required to be registered with Swim England after they have attended three sessions. We will be completing the membership registrations this week. As we are unable to run Academy & Club in the normal manner due to Covid restrictions we will not be passing on the cost of this term's affiliation fees. Please find attached for your information the Academy & Club handbook and Swim England Data Protection Notice.
- The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe - Our new performance dates have been confirmed and are as follows: (Tech Rehearsal: 10:00-16:00 26/03/22 & 27/03/22); (Open dress: 09:00-16:00 30/03/22); (Performances: 19:00-21:30 31/03/22 & 01/04/22 & 02/04/22). The new dates now mean there will be no weekend rehearsals before Christmas.
- Please note that the riding lessons at Urchinwood will recommence on the 8th November, and not the first week back after half term. All students must be signed up through SchoolsBuddy if they would like to attend. Intermediate/Advanced-Monday, Beginner- Tuesday.
- It is with sadness that we have taken the difficult decision to cancel the Bonfire Night celebrations planned for 4 November. Despite being an outdoor event, we are mindful of the risk of bringing so many people together when there are still numerous COVID cases in the local community. We apologise for any upset this may cause, but believe it to be a prudent decision at this time.

Actions

1. All students should be using SchoolsBuddy to inform the school of what they are doing after school.

2. Look for overdue library books and return them after the holiday.

Please find attachments of the below documents in your email.

[swim-academy-club-parent-information-2021 Current.pdf](#)

[Swim England Data Protection Notice.pdf](#)

4. More information and rehearsal schedules can be found on the firefly page
<https://sidcot.fireflycloud.net/creative-arts/drama-department/extra-curricular/current-productions/the-lion-the-witch-and-the-wardrobe>
Student information can be found on the Teams Page to which all cast & crew have been added.

	Announcements	Actions
<p>FOURTH FORM YEARS 8/9</p>	<p>1. Year 9 GCSE Options Evening: Tuesday 16th November 2021: 7:00 – 9:00pm:</p> <p>Please note that, immediately after half-term, we will begin the process by which students in Upper Fourth, (Year 9) select their GCSE subjects for the next academic year.</p> <p>During this time, we provide students with a lot of help and advice regarding the process and ensure that they are aware of the people with whom it may be useful to speak.</p> <p>During the second half of the Autumn Term, Upper Fourth students will receive presentations from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alison Pike, (Head of Careers and Higher Education Guidance) • a selection of subject staff from less familiar subject areas and • Christian Hughes, (Deputy Head Academic), who will provide advice on making choices and an explanation of how our options process works. <p>You and your children will also have access to our GCSE Course Guide, which gives details of all the subjects available to study at Sidcot in Years 10 and 11. Students will also be shown where to find various websites that will give them further insight into each course.</p> <p>We would very much like you to feel fully informed and therefore invite you to attend a GCSE Options Evening on Tuesday 16th November at 7pm, when more information on the various courses on offer will be available. At this meeting, there will be an introduction to GCSEs, BTEC Tech Award in Sport (Level 1/2) and the options process. This will be followed by the opportunity to discuss specific details with teachers from every subject area.</p> <p>Furthermore, please be assured that you will be able to contact subject teachers via email with any further questions you may have regarding GCSE courses and/or the options process.</p>	<p>1. GCSE Options Evening for Year 9 students and parents on Tuesday 16th November, 7pm starting in the Meeting House.</p>
<p>FIFTH FORM YEARS 10/11</p>	<p>1. Sixth Form Information Evening (Year 11) - After the success of our online Sixth Form Options Evening, we would like to follow this up with an on-site Sixth Form information evening for parents of Upper Fifth (Year 11) students. We would very much like it if you could join us on Thursday 4th November at 5pm in the Large Meeting House at Sidcot.</p>	<p>1. Sixth Form information evening for Upper Fifth parents, Thursday 4th Nov 5pm, Large Meeting House.</p>

Upcoming Events

Monday 1 November – Sixth Form Scholarship application deadline

Thursday 4 November – Sixth Form Information Evening

Tuesday 9 November – Third Form Taster Evening

Tuesday 16 November – GCSE Options Evening (Year 9)

Thursday 18 November, 6pm - Let's Talk... Homework. Parental Engagement Evening

Tuesday 30 November – Upper Fourth (Year 9) Parent Consultation Evening