

## Whole School Information

- Lateral Flow Testing Prior to the Start of Spring Term** - We have been informed by the Department for Education that at the commencement of the Spring Term all secondary school aged children should undertake one on-site Covid-19 lateral flow test (LFT). Please see link to a letter for further details.
- Vapes and E-Cigarettes** - We have been seeing a number of students bringing vapes and e-Cigarettes into school over the course of this term and I wanted to make you aware of the School's position in this regard. Sidcot is a non-smoking campus for staff and students and this includes the use of vapes and e-cigarettes. Therefore, under no circumstances should students bring these items to school, even if they do not intend to use them during the school day. See link to a letter from the Headmaster.
- International Trips List** – Apologies to those who struggled to open the trips list in last weeks planner. Please find a link to the list of trips that are potentially coming up in the next few years. Please be aware all trips are subject to change.
- Disc Golf** – There are 4 disc golf starter sets remaining to buy at a bargain price of £10 for 3 discs. Great if you want to go out in your own time or as a gift for Christmas. Please come to the Outdoor Learning office, first come, first served!
- School Production – The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe**  
We've all really enjoyed the rehearsals this term. It has been difficult at points as we've had a fair bit of unavoidable absence throughout the term, but things are starting to shape up! We will be ramping up the pace next term, accordingly can we remind all involved that you will be required at every rehearsal you're requested for and to let us know well in advance if you cannot attend. Also remember that we record the sessions so you can access the songs to practice them on our shared TEAM. Information about acquiring tickets will follow soon. Please come and support our large and dedicated cast when the time comes. Well done to all involved for their great efforts so far.

## Actions

-  [Spring Term Lateral Flow Device Testing - Parent Communication.pdf](#)
-  [Letter to Parents - Vapes and E-Cigarettes - 10 December 2021.pdf](#)
-  [Trips List.pdf](#)

## Announcements

## Actions

**THIRD  
FORM**  
Year 7

**FOURTH  
FORM**  
YEARS  
8/9

**FIFTH  
FORM  
YEARS  
10/11**

**1. Year 10 Work Experience Week 27th June – 1st July**

All Year 10 students are expected to take a week of meaningful work experience during the dates above. It is a great experience and one we are really delighted to be running again in 2022. Schools have had lots of success placing students recently and we are keen to offer Sidcot Students the opportunity too. All students have access to a 'Finding Your Placement Guide' and support from our careers advisor and the Year 10 tutor team. Students are expected to find a placement themselves, however, we also partner with Careers South West Ltd (CSW), who have a work experience database known as Veryan which the students can use to search for placements. Once the students have found and confirmed a placement with an employer we request that you fill in a Sidcot Parent and Student Work Experience Microsoft form, please see link. The form asks for your consent, the placement details and a student health declaration. **The deadline for the submission is Friday, 25th March 2022.** This allows the school sufficient time to process the placements including contacting the employer to request their insurance details, and to send information to CSW in order for around 80 pre-placement checks to take place before June. Unfortunately, if we submit forms less than 8 weeks before the placement date, we are charged a late fee (£20) by CSW, which ultimately we have to pass on to parents.

**2. Year 10 Bronze DofE**– Below are the confirmed dates for our training days

- Training Day 1: 20/3/22
- Training Day 2: 08/05/22
- Training Day 3: 21/05/22

**3. Year 11 Life-drawing for GCSE Coursework** - Thursdays 4-6pm.

We are delighted to invite Year 11 art students to attend a half term block of life-drawing workshops. The practice of life-drawing will develop and refine students observational drawing skills and will make a valuable contribution to the GCSE portfolio. We hope that students can make this half term commitment to these sessions. The two hour sessions will be run in the Fine Art Studio with Sara Reed between 4 and 6 pm on a Thursday for six weeks beginning on January 13th. The cost of the sessions is subsidised and will require a contribution of £35 for six sessions. This will be added to the end of term bill..

- 1.** Sidcot Parent and Student Work Experience Agreement Form:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/9ZDn7077xi>

- 3.** To secure a place on the life-drawing workshops please contact Sara Reed:  
[sara.reed@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:sara.reed@sidcot.org.uk)

**SIXTH  
FORM  
YEARS  
12/13**

To see all of our upcoming events, please visit our calendar at [www.sidcot.org.uk/calendar/weekly](http://www.sidcot.org.uk/calendar/weekly)