

The Sidcot Parent Planner

FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 21 March 2022

Whole School Information

- 1. End of Term Arrangements Parents are kindly requested to note that on the last day of Term, Thursday 7 April, School transport will leave at 4 pm. The School will continue to offer Activities and Prep between 4 pm to 4.50 pm. We kindly ask that all students are off-site by 5 pm. Wishing you all a peaceful and enjoyable Easter.
- 2. "Let's Talk... Careers"- Wednesday 23 March Drama Studio, 6.30 pm Next Wednesday sees the next of our Let's Talk sessions, this time based around the topic of careers. Alison Pike, our Head of Careers will be talking parents through a variety of information around careers, answering your questions and we will also be treated to a visiting speaker who will be talking about apprenticeships. This is an excellent opportunity to gain further insight or ask questions in a forum dedicated to careers and careers advice. The evening is open to all, wherever your children may sit within the school currently but will be particularly useful for examlevel students. If you would like to bring your child with you, this is also an option.

Actions

2. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to <u>Reception@sidcot.org.uk</u> so that we are able to keep a list of numbers for the evening.

	Announcements	Actions
THIRD FORM Year 7	1. Change Makers Research Study - Over the next few weeks, your child will be studying climate change in Geography. We will be evaluating its educational impact using a survey – completed by your child before and after the scheme of work. The survey is designed by researchers at the University of Bristol. We would like to share your child's responses with these researchers to help them discover what makes education about the environment effective and communicate this to others. The data will be shared with researchers anonymously, making it very unlikely that any responses can be identified with an individual student. Because the data is submitted anonymously, it will not be possible to identify it and withdraw it after surveys have been returned to the university. If you have no objections to this, there is nothing more you need to do. If you would NOT like us to share your child's responses in this way, please email me to let me know by 1st April 2022.	 If you would not like your child to be included in this, please email me <u>Christopher.aldred@sidcot.org.uk</u> with just the name of your child. You may also address any queries or concerns about this research project to the principal investigator at the University of Bristol: Paul Howard-Jones (<u>paul.howard-</u> <u>jones@bris.ac.uk</u>) or you are also able to contact the Director of Research at the School of Education, University of Bristol: Dr Shelley McKeown Jones (<u>s.mckeownjones@bristol.ac.uk</u>)
FOURTH FORM YEARS 8/9	1. Change Makers Research Study - Over the next few weeks, your child will be studying climate change in Geography. We will be evaluating its educational impact using a survey – completed by your child before and after the scheme of work. The survey is designed by researchers at the University of Bristol. We would like to share your child's responses with these researchers to help them discover what makes education about the environment effective and communicate this to others. The data will be shared with researchers anonymously, making it very unlikely that any responses can be identified with an individual student. Because the data is submitted anonymously, it will not be possible to identify it and withdraw it after surveys have been returned to the university.	 If you would not like your child to be included in this, please email me <u>Christopher.aldred@sidcot.org.uk</u> with just the name of your child. You may also address any queries or concerns about this research project to the principal investigator at the University of Bristol: Paul Howard-Jones (paul.howard- jones@bris.ac.uk) or you are also able to contact the Director of Research at the School of Education, University of Bristol: Dr Shelley McKeown Jones (s.mckeownjones@bristol.ac.uk)

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FIFTH FORM YEARS 10/11	 Year 10 Work Experience Week - (27th June – 1st July) All Year 10 students are expected to take a week of work experience during the dates above. This can also include volunteering which can help students develop crucial soft skills. Your support is invaluable as they are required to find the placement themselves. Boarders are also able to do the placement close to home or near a guardian. It is key when contacting potential employers to highlight the dates of work experience, a number of schools in the area are doing work experience, however, they have different dates. 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 attached. The deadline for submission is Friday, 25th March 2022. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Also, if you would like to chat about what offering a placement could entail, or offering a placement to another student please do get in contact. With thanks, Alison Pike - Head of Careers Alison.Pike@sidcot.org.uk 	1. <u>https://forms.office.com/r/9ZDn7077xj</u>
SIXTH FORM YEARS 12/13	 Year 12 Parents' Consultation Evening: Wednesday 6th April 2022: 17:00-20:00 - Online Appointment Booking and Video Call I would like to invite you to attend our additional Year 12 Parents' Consultation Evening as indicated above. Appointments will be available from 17:00 to 20:00. The evening provides an opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress with their subject teachers. Students are welcome to attend with their parents. These appointments will take place online via video call, with appointments being made in advance using our Parents' Evening booking system, which will be familiar to many. This system allows you to choose your own appointment times with your child's teachers. You will then receive an email confirming your appointment(s). Please note that you are due to receive an online copy of your child's report a week before the Parents' Evening. Please note that all appointments are 10 minutes each in length and that the video call will always finish at the designated end time, regardless of what time the call is started. Finally, it is essential that you use the same Firefly account to attend the video call appointments, as you used to make the appointments in the first place. You will be able to make appointments from Wednesday 23rd March at 16:00 and bookings will close on Tuesday 5th April at 22:00 	 Please visit https://sidcot.schoolcloud.co.uk to book your appointments. For more information on how to book or attend appointments over video call, please visit https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend- appointments-over-video-call.
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To see all of our upcoming events, please visit our calendar at <u>www.sidcot.org.uk/calendar/weekly</u>