

Whole School Information

1. **PASS Golf** - For the next three Wednesdays, PASS golfers need to leave school at 1pm to be able to have enough time to get around the course in the daylight. Clothes should be either a collared sport shirt with trousers and trainers, or your school PE kit. Please make sure you have a jacket and a woolly hat as Burnham & Berrow Channel Golf Course is known for its cold wind.
2. **Lateral Flow Testing (LFT)** - Pupils are reminded to continue to test themselves twice weekly with a LFT. The School suggests a test could be conducted before returning to school on a Monday and then halfway through the week. If the pupil is planning to undertake a sporting fixture, especially a contact sport, please consider undertaking a LFT on that day. Pupils who have had a confirmed case of COVID-19 (via a PCR test) should not complete a LFT for 90 days.
3. **Face Masks** - Please can you make sure that students come to school with a clean face mask every day.
4. **Christmas Card Competition** - Entries to be handed in to Johannah Egan's classroom by Tuesday 23rd November. All Art work should be submitted on A4 paper and can be of any medium. Themes of Community, Equality and Friendship can be used.
5. **PSHE Topics** - Please find a list of topics that are being covered in PSHE lessons this half term. I intend to put this in the parent planner once every half term, so that parents are informed about the content of PSHE lessons. Thank you.
6. **Christmas Concert - Thursday 2nd December, 7pm**
Following the success of last year's Christmas Concert, it has been decided that this year's event will again be held online. This year's Concert will feature over 80 students performing your favourite carols, complete with subtitles to ensure everyone can sing along! The Concert also includes a number of solo performances, both vocal and instrumental, and some festive readings. So, pour a glass of festive tippie, prepare the mince pies and join us at 7pm on Thursday 2nd December to welcome in the Christmas season.
7. **Schoolsbuddy Reminder** - Now that sports fixtures are back on, please ensure that you are signed up on SchoolsBuddy if you are part of the team! Either "Girls' Sports Fixtures" or "Boys' Sports Fixtures" from 16:00.
8. **PASS** - Attached is a copy of the spring term PASS activities booklet. All students have been sent an electronic copy of the PASS activity booklet to their school email address and on Teams. Students will have an opportunity to discuss the PASS activities during tutor time and with their friends before bookings open on Wednesday 24 November and close on Friday 3 December. We strongly advise students to choose an alternative activity each half term to give other students an opportunity and to ensure they participate in a range of different activities.


Actions

1. Students should get changed at break and meet at the science block at 12:55 - packed lunches will be provided and the bus will leave at 1:00 PM. The bus will return to the school by 4pm for students to be picked up as normal.

5.  [PSHE Topics.docx](#)

6. You will be able to watch the concert here: www.sidcot.org.uk/christmas

7. Sign up to Sports Fixtures at 16:00 on schoolsbuddy if you are part of the team.

8.  [PASS Activity Booklet - Spring Term 1.pdf](#)

9. Screen Time, Getting the Balance right - I'd very much like to thank those parents who attended last night's Parental Engagement Evening, led by Charlotte Resuggan, (Assistant Head – Teaching and Learning). The session, which focussed on homework and study skills, provided an opportunity for parents to join a team of subject specialists who offered tips and support to help learners of all ages get the most out of their study time. There was also an opportunity to talk through the latest research on good working habits, as well as considering some useful resources.

A key element of these engagement evenings is the collaborative discussion that takes place and the feedback that parents are able to provide teaching staff and members of the school's senior management team. A common thread throughout these discussions was a shared concern regarding the amount of time that our students are now spending 'on screen' both in school and at home. Clearly, our IT platform and use of electronic devices were crucial in facilitating our online teaching and learning during the pandemic's successive lockdowns. As we now begin to emerge from the shadow of COVID-19, we recognise the importance of evaluating our use of IT in the classroom and in supporting our students' learning at home. With this in mind, please be reassured that we are not abandoning handwriting skills, which remain so important when considering that our students continued to be assessed in final written examinations using traditional pen and paper. We have already taken steps with our academic Heads of Department to ensure that we develop our curriculum and pedagogic delivery to achieve the right balance between our use of technology and more traditional learning approaches. As always, we are very interested to receive your thoughts on these matters and would welcome any parental feedback emailed to sarahkittos@sidcot.org.uk.

10. The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe - please remember to check the rehearsals of the school production on FireFly


10. <https://sidcot.fireflycloud.net/creative-arts/drama-department/extra-curricular/current-productions/the-lion-the-witch-and-the-wardrobe>

	Announcements	Actions
THIRD FORM Year 7	<p>1. Year 7 GIRLS - Please note that in order that our Games offer be fair and equal (in terms of amount of hockey and netball), girls in Year 7, 8 and 9 will be starting their hockey block of lessons the week commencing 29th November.</p> <p>They will therefore require for their Games lessons; Long sports socks, shin pads, gum shield, hockey stick (optional in the first instance – as we can supply a school one)</p>	
FOURTH FORM YEARS 8/9	<p>1. Year 8 & 9 GIRLS - Please note that in order that our Games offer be fair and equal (in terms of amount of hockey and netball), girls in Year 7, 8 and 9 will be starting their hockey block of lessons the week commencing 29th November.</p> <p>They will therefore require for their Games lessons; Long sports socks, shin pads, gum shield, hockey stick (optional in the first instance – as we can supply a school one)</p>	

**FIFTH
FORM
YEARS
10/11**

1. **Maths Revision - Year 11** are invited to join Sarah Davies & Mitchell Gough for additional maths revision on Tuesday from 4-5pm. This is particularly advisable for those students sitting their exam in January. This week's fraction clinic was well attended. The following topics will be covered: 23/11/2021 - Ratio/percentage
30/11/2021 - No session (Year 9 parents eve) 7/12/2021 - Probability 14/12/2021 – Graphs
2. **Year 11, Sixth Form Options** – please find the Sixth Form Options form. Please can we ask, if you haven't already, to complete this form with your child by Friday 26 November.

1. Students must sign-up on SchoolsBuddy if they wish to attend.

2.  [6th Form Preliminary Options Sheet for sept 22.pdf](#)

**SIXTH
FORM
YEARS
12/13**

1. **November Cake Sale** - The final Movember cake sale will be held on Monday at break time in Rose Cottage for Sixth Form only! Please come along and raise some money for a great cause.

Upcoming Events

30 November, 5pm – Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening
2 December, 7pm – Christmas Concert (Online Event)