



Year 10 Newsletter - 16 October 2015



A word from the Year Leader

The school year is picking up pace now and the reality of the academic rigour of IGCSE studies has kicked in now for year 10. We have several important academic and curriculum flag points coming up that I would like to briefly discuss.

Settling in reports: These were sent home before the October holiday. This report is vital at this early stage in the IGCSE course. From these we were able to see that most students have settled in really well to their new IGCSE studies, with many 'excellent' report grades. Some students might be struggling in particular subjects, and as a school interventions are being put in place in these areas. Well done to Josi Ebeling who achieved a full house of 'excellent' ratings in her report.

Academic Review Evening: This evening next Wednesday is your first chance this year to meet with your child's subject teachers. Please make sure you have made your appointments on the school booking system.

Assessment period 1 approaching: The middle of November sees the first formal school assessments take place. Please be aware to help your child prepare for this challenging and important fortnight.

Project week update: Thank you for taking the time to fill in details for the project week trip. More details on itinerary and packing lists will follow.

Project Week Fundraising in full flow

As the build up to project week continues, Year 10 students have been active in their efforts to reach their 12,000RMB target for the service element of the project. As you can see from the pictures above, 10B and 10D put on some excellent home-cooked food and raised over 3000RMB. Well done to these students for some great work.

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October sees the school host the annual **Dads and Kids camp out**. Please come and support 10A and 10C in their fundraising efforts. They will be hosting a big bake sale with cakes, food, hot chocolate and other goodies. They will also be selling glow sticks to light up the night and hosting a FIFA Xbox tournament. We hope to see you all on the weekend.

Mr. J Dawson



Year 10 highlights: What we are studying

Mandarin (pictured top right) Ms. Zhao

Year 10 IGCSE class has learned more names in a family. They have written the family member on the card and found the close relationship person and taken a family photo. In the class, they need to change their role frequently and make sure they recognise and understand the words. Some students have introduced their family member and written a family story.

Business Studies (pictures 2 & 3) Ms. Brunskill

Students have been looking at enterprise and entrepreneurship, learning about the characteristics of successful entrepreneurs such as Sir Richard Branson and the late Steve Jobs. They have been exploring the benefits and drawbacks of being an entrepreneur and the reasons how and why governments support business start-ups. All entrepreneurs are encouraged to produce business plans to force them to think ahead and plan carefully for the first few years, so students have been analysing business plans and producing their own.

Other highlights

- Year 10 set 3 Chemistry have been learning about atoms, the atomic structure and electronic structure and how these all relate back to the periodic table. They are due to learn about ionic bonding this week.
- Y10 set 1 Physics did a lot of practical work this week, investigating static and dynamic friction and Hooke's law.
- Congratulations to Georgina Mills who managed to do her first IGCSE speaking presentation - 5 full minutes of speaking German - after only one year of learning the language. Miss Ford is very impressed with Georgie's application to learning and the results she is already achieving.



Reminders & General

Please make a note of these upcoming events:

- Saturday/Sunday 17/18 October – Dads and Kids campout

- Monday 2 – Friday 6 November – Project Week
- Friday 13 November – school closed to students (staff training day).
- Wednesday 18 – Friday 27 November – Years 7 – 10 term 1 assessments all subjects
- Sunday 29 November – Christmas Bazaar
- Friday 4 December – CCAs finish for Term 1
- Friday 11 December – Term 1 ends