



Secondary Spotlight

2nd November 2018
Term 1, Edition 10

Secondary Notices

Monday 5th November Parent Support Network (8:45-9:30)

Tuesday 6th November Deepavali Public Holiday

Wednesday 7th November Juilliard Artist Michal Emanovsky Visiting

Mr. Moody will be delivering a University briefing to the Year 10 students during their form time this week.

TTT Deadlines: w/c 5th November

Year 7 – Geography, Year 8 – Visual Arts / DT, and French, Year 9 – Music / Computing, and Science

Student Wellbeing

Stressful events may have dramatic impact on children so developing a resilient mind-set is an important coping strategy. To build resilience, children need to know they can make a difference (i.e. they have control), they feel worthwhile and valued (i.e. have self-esteem) and have people in their life who love and support them (unconditionally). As parents we should always strive to make our children feel valued and appreciated (e.g. we need to ask their opinion, look for the positives), don't judge or compare them to siblings or others, avoid telling them what to do, instead give them choices when problems arise, give approval and encouragement for trying new things and do little special rituals or routines every day to build a sense of security. (e.g. a smile and/or hug or a favourite snack when greeting your child after they get home from school)

Sports Report

Unfortunately lots of fixtures were cancelled due to the weather, however the boys U16 football team won 3-0 against NPS. The U16 girl's football team are playing DCSG, whilst the U12 Rugby team are in the ACSIS Division 1 semi-final. Congratulations to Zac and Zach who finished 1st and 2nd respectively in the 12&U ACSIS Cross Country Championships.

Our subject in the Spotlight this week is...Mandarin

Year 7: After practicing the relevant content from YCT, we are going to work on the new topics of 'Employment', 'Everyday Life' and 'Travel and Transport' this half term. Students will continue to work on the target vocabulary and sentences structure and they are required to complete the class tasks bingo to achieve their learning. Some students will be also doing the Youth Chinese Test in the second week of November. They are encouraged to focus on exam technique and the use of revision strategies to be frequently revisiting prior learning.

Year 8: After practicing the relevant content from YCT, we are going to work on the new topic of 'Hobbies' this half term. Students will continue to work on the target vocabulary and sentences structure and they are required to complete the class tasks bingo to achieve their learning. Some students will be also doing the Youth Chinese Test in the second week of November. They are encouraged to focus on exam technique and the use of revision strategies to be frequently revisiting prior learning.

Year 9: After practicing the relevant content from YCT, we are going to work on the new topic of 'Health and Fitness' this half term. Students will continue to work on the target vocabulary and sentences structure and they are required to complete the class tasks bingo to achieve their learning. Some students will be also doing the Youth Chinese Test in the second week of November. They are encouraged to focus on exam technique and the use of revision strategies to be frequently revisiting prior learning.

Year 10: After learning the last unit of 'Family', we are going to begin a new unit on 'School' this half term. Students will continue to work on the target vocabulary and sentences structure from the iChinese textbook. Some students will also be doing the Youth Chinese Test in the second week of November. They are encouraged to focus on exam technique and the use of revision strategies to be frequently revisiting prior learning.

Year 11: In Year 11, we are continuing to work on the IGCSE Edexcel Mandarin past papers for the Reading, Writing and Listening sections. Students will be doing the Youth Chinese Test in the second week of November. Students are encouraged to focus on the target vocabulary and the use of revision strategies to be frequently revisiting prior learning.

Update from IB Coordinator: Year 12 have started to submit their Extended Essay proposals this week as they embark on their independent research essay. Year 13 finished their Individual Oral Commentaries - a vital part of their literature study.

