



# Secondary Spotlight

## Secondary Notices

17<sup>th</sup> March – 25<sup>th</sup> March

21<sup>st</sup> March – 24<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Global Campus Tanzania Expedition

FOBISIA Maths Competition

Computing trip to Microsoft offices

Physics Talk at the Science Centre

Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip

The TTSF Sustainability Symposium

### TTT Deadlines: w/c 18<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7 – Visual Arts & DT, Science and Geography,

Year 8 – Music & Computing and History,

Year 9 – French and Mandarin

## Student Wellbeing

Helping children build an inner strength so they can cope better with the “ups and downs” of adolescence is an important thing for parents to do. There are many challenges facing our students today including future uncertainty, world peace, environmental and political issues. Some things are out of our control and this is made more difficult with the media presence and access via technology. However, within the family there is a strong chance you will be able to help your child develop the confidence and skills to face, overcome and even become stronger because of the challenging environment around us. So, what helps people manage these challenges better? In a word we are talking about resilience. Resilience is about helping children believe they can make a difference, feel they are a worthwhile person and have people around them who love and support them. We cannot always prevent things from going wrong, but we can help our children build the strengths that will help them cope better when exposed to the challenges they face today.

## Sports Report

The U14s boys basketball team narrowly lost to UWCD. The U11 and U13 rugby teams will play this week as will the U12 girls football team.

## Our subjects in the Spotlight this week are.... Mandarin and French

**Year 7:** In Mandarin, the students are focusing on Listening and Reading skills with the target vocabulary and sentence structures while working on the YCT mock papers accordingly, with various reading and writing activities to ensure students understand the topics. Year 7 have enthusiastically approached French this year, going from studying the basics of the language to now being able to express their thoughts and opinions. Having recently completed study on the topic of 'School', they are now moving onto describing where they live.

**Year 8:** In Mandarin, the students are focusing on Listening and Reading skills with the target vocabulary and sentence structures while working on the YCT mock papers accordingly, with various reading and writing activities to ensure students understand the topics. In French, Year 8 have recently benefited from studying a variety of grammatical elements. They are gaining confidence in using three tenses in their written and spoken work. This is preparing them well for the iGCSE course.

**Year 9:** In Mandarin, the students are focusing on Listening and Reading skills with the target vocabulary and sentence structures while working on the YCT mock papers accordingly, with various reading and writing activities to ensure students understand the topics. For French Year 9 pupils have been particularly working on their written skills this term, developing their answers more fully and being able to elevate responses to GCSE level. The topic that they are currently studying is that of various modes of transport and speaking about holidays, both past and future.

**Year 10:** In Mandarin, the main focus is on the speaking component of iGCSE after covering the topic of 'Everyday Life' from Unit 3 they will be learning the topics 'Hobbies' and 'Foods' from Unit 4 & 5 in iChinese Textbook. In French, Year 10 have approached the iGCSE course with commitment and enthusiasm this year. They are working through the iGCSE topics and nurturing the skills they will need to master to succeed in this course. We are particularly impressed with their excellent use of target language in lessons, and their dedication to progressing further with this.

**Year 11:** In Mandarin, students are working on the revision of the iGCSE past papers in preparation for the upcoming examination. For French, Year 11 are focusing on their iGCSE speaking exam preparation and have been working hard on this. They are also completing revision and past papers for the other three skills that will be assessed during the summer examinations.

**Update from IB Coordinator:** Our Year 13s submitted their final pieces for several subjects to the IB Board this week. Next week they will be hosting a CAS showcase to year 12, celebrating their achievements and contributions over the last 18 months.