

**Dear Parents and Carers,
Rotary Interact**

Bob Thompson, President of The Whitchurch Rotary Club and his colleagues Walter Schafer and Mike Valentine came in to speak to Year 8 students about forming a Rotary Interact Club. Interact is a youth version of the Rotary for 12 to 18 year olds. Letters were handed out and a lot of interest was shown. For more information follow the [link](#) for an example of what can be achieved in a school and why it is so valuable for young people. We are delighted that they are able to offer this opportunity to our students.

Year 8 Parents' Evening 23rd March starting at 5.30pm

Students should have returned their reply slips to confirm your attendance at this evening. The students are busy making appointments with their teachers. Please contact [Miss Brinkworth](#), Progress Leader if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Year 11 Trial Exams

These have been organised very successfully and the results will be going out to parents before the parents' evening on 6th April. Parents will notice that there are separate columns for the results of the trial exam, the coursework and the overall result where both marks have been added together. There will also be a Professional Predicted Grade given which is what the teacher predicts that the student will achieve taking their results and work ethic into account. Students now have their actual exam timetables and if you have any questions please contact [Ms Downward](#), Data and Examinations Officer.

Year 10 Trial Examinations

From 1st May there will be a fortnight of mock examinations for Year 10. Revision workshops took place on Wednesday 8th March to help Year 10 students to prepare for these important examinations.



Students benefit most if they treat these trial examinations as if they are their actual GCSEs. They have been shown computer based resources to help them revise for all subjects and have been taught how to use mind-maps and flash cards as part of their revision strategy. Whilst you cannot actually do the revision for them, there is a lot you can do to help your child get organised, stay motivated and keep calm.

PROSE is a simple rule to cover 5 things your child will need to do during their examination time:

Plan
Revise
Organise
Sleep/Rest
Eat healthily

Your support is absolutely vital. Your encouragement, praise, patience and daily support will have a massive impact on the achievement of your child. Together we **can** do it! We can all play a part in ensuring your child fulfils their potential.

Yours sincerely

Ms Glackin, Assistant Headteacher

Brown Moss – 945

Red Brook – 3694

Oss Mere – 1015

Blake Mere – 5551

Term Dates

New term dates for 2017-18 can be found online [here](#).

Upcoming School Events

- Year 7, 8 and 9: 'Hairspray' Theatre Severn, 15th March

Inter-House Netball



Pictured is Dr Thorley with her tutor group (Oss Mere), who are the winners of the Year 9 Inter-House Netball Tournament. Also pictured are runners up Mrs Clarke's tutor group and Miss Webb, Progress Leader who ran the tournament.

Reminders

From this term, as well as printed copies being handed out to students, school letters may now also be emailed out to relevant parents/carers via the 'In-Touch' system. If your child is absent for any reason, please let us know by 8.30am. Call the School on 01948 660600 and choose option 1. Please leave your child's name, tutor group and reason for absence. Please remember to inform us if you have changed your email address.

Flicks in the Sticks at the Talbot Theatre

Vamos Theatre 'The Best Thing' – Thursday 16th March 7.30 pm. A swinging sixties story of unconditional love from the UK's leading full mask theatre company. It's 1966, the record players on, her hair's bobbed and eye-lashes curled: for 17-year-old Susan, life is an adventure waiting to begin. But what happens next turns everything upside down, and its repercussions will last for decades to come. Step into the wordless world of Vamos Theatre for this bitter-sweet story of mistaken morals and broken hearts, 45s and beehives, where sexual revolution proves a hard and rocky path to tread. Funny, heart-breaking and human, accessible to hearing and deaf audiences alike. Suitable for 12+. £12 Adult / £10 Adult Concessions / £6 Under 18s/£30 Family. An Arts Alive event.

The Voice Inter-House Singing Competition

Song choices: Clean Bandit - Rockabye, Robbie Williams - I love my life, Pharrell – Happy and Jesse J - Price Tag.

Rules: One person from each tutor group chooses their song choice out of a hat. All in the tutor group must be involved and have 1 week of tutor time to rehearse (additional lunchtime, after school and breaks can be used). Groups can change the song to a song of their choice but will lose points. Groups can use karaoke on screen when performing in assembly. Points will be awarded for everyone singing, being in tune, togetherness and enjoyment.

Visit to Krakow



February 2017 Sixth Form visit to Karkow including Auschwitz and Birkenau organised by Mrs Morcumb.

Students are photographed at the Krakow Square at night, at Birkenau standing next to a transport cattle wagon, meeting a Holocaust Survivor born in Jewish Ghetto and standing at the site of Plascow Concentration Camp underneath a monument.