

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



## Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our PSHE in Year 8 we are learning about road safety and the law. We thought it would be a good idea to run a campaign on making students more aware of being safe walking and cycling to and from school. We will be running assemblies, we have written to the police asking them to visit assemblies and we will be visiting tutor groups to make them more safety conscious.

We are writing on behalf of the school and all the students, to inform you about road safety. As you will be aware it is now coming up to winter and the nights are drawing in. This means that it is becoming more dangerous for your child/children to walk/cycle home.

We need your support to improve the road safety around the school. Without your support this campaign is pointless. We need you to make sure you're aware of your children's safety when crossing roads making their way home, and the people driving along in their cars don't worry about potentially hitting anyone.

We would like you to have a talk with your child about road safety. Maybe mention some of these things listed below. We encourage your child that before they cross the road they should look both ways twice and to listen for any vehicles to ensure that they are safe. We encourage your child to unplug any head phones or stop looking at any phones/distractions. When crossing roads you should be focused with no distractions.

If your child is cycling or even walking at night we suggest that they have some form of reflective clothing / item so that it is clear to drivers where they are.

In conclusion, we believe that your support will highly improve the safety of students/ your child. Thank you for showing your support.

Yours sincerely

**Zara, Amelia and Luke from Ms Glackin's PSHE group.**

## Sixth Form Information Event October 2016 Survey

Thank you to any students who attended the Sixth Form Information Evening last Thursday. We hope that you found the event useful and that you enjoyed looking around the Sixth Form and finding out more about the courses on offer. The prospectus can be found online [here](#). The application form can be found [here](#). If you have not yet submitted your application, can we please ask that you do so as soon as possible and no later than Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

If you have any questions, big or small, now is the time to ask. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Jones with any questions you may have.

Finally, we would be delighted to hear your thoughts on the Information Evening, as well as the Sixth Form in general, so we have put together a short questionnaire for you to complete. Please follow the link [here](#) to access the online survey.

## 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.

### Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Half Term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Christmas Holidays: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January (back in school on Tuesday).

PD Day: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

## House Points (Rewards/SMART/Attendance)

**Brown Moss – 2238**

**Red Brook – 2043**

**Oss Mere – 2933**

**Blake Mere – 1421**

# Cycling Awareness

In 2014, 113 people were killed in the UK, because of cycling accidents.

## Accident prevention

- Wear a helmet
- Put lights on your bike
- Watch out for cars and car indicators
- Cycle on the cycle path
- Take a Bike Ability course
- Wear reflective clothes
- Have a bike horn/bell on your bike
- Don't listen to music/don't be distracted when cycling



## Consequences:

- Fines up to £500 for cycling on the pavement
- Severe injuries to you or others
- Damaged properties of others and yours



## Breakfast Bake-off

Mrs Steel would like to thank all students, staff and parents who provided so many fantastic cakes for our Young Carer's Bake Off competition and Tuck Shop. The two competition winners for the Bake Off received well deserved Amazon gift vouchers. We have raised £60 for Young Carer's and donations are still coming in.

Thanks to Mrs Rastelli and Miss Garner for all their help and to Mrs Richmond for judging the Bake Off.

Not only will the money help to support Young Carers, but we hope this event has also raised awareness of the support available for this responsible group of young people.

For further information contact Mrs Steel [steel.s@sjttc.org](mailto:steel.s@sjttc.org).



## Upcoming School Trips

- **Sixth Form Geography Fieldwork at The Lake District** – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November
- **Year 7 trip to Birmingham to visit a Gudwara and Buddhist Pagoda** – 8<sup>th</sup> November
- **Year 11 trip to Oswestry School for an Engineering Careers event** – 11<sup>th</sup> November

## Cambridge University Trip

Thirty nine Year 6 Primary School pupils from Whitchurch, Oswestry and surrounding areas were given the opportunity to visit the UK's top university on Tuesday as part of The Futures Award. The trip to the University of Cambridge was arranged by The Marches Academy Trust designed to ignite the aspirations of Year 6 pupils. The award aims to encourage pupils to begin thinking about their ambitions for the future and to be inspired by the possibilities available to them, as well as supporting their transition into Year 7.



## Year 11 Increasing Success Evening Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

Invitations have gone out to those parents who could not attend the Year 11 Event which took place in July.

This is a 2<sup>nd</sup> opportunity so that you know how to support your child to increase their chances of success in their GCSE's.

Please make every effort to attend this event when you receive the invitation.

Thank you Ms Glackin