

Newsletter 17: 5th February 2023

Working Together to Improve Standards and Share Success

News from this Week

It has been a busy week in school this week working with our partners in the community. After a day spent working hard with staff to improve coursework and revise for option subjects, Year 11 finished the day on Wednesday with a competitive team building session with George Fouche. As the pictures below highlight, the students worked well in competition against one another.



Prior to this, we were fortunate to have a production company in school to enable our Year 11 students to see a visual representation of 'A Christmas Carol', one of the texts which they are studying for GCSE English Literature. The English department were thrilled with the quality of the production, which helped students to reinforce their knowledge and understanding of plot, characters and themes throughout the play. Students now need to build upon this experience by ensuring they are revising key quotations at home and practising examination questions.



It was disappointing to only see 50% of parent/carers at Year 11 parents' evening on Thursday night. Staff have created next steps documents for all students, bespoke to individuals, that detail incremental steps that need to be taken by students between now and the next mock examination series after half-term. If you were unable to attend parents' evening but would like to speak to a member of the leadership team to provide guidance with support you can provide at home, please get in touch.

South Yorkshire police have also been in school this week delivering presentations around knife crime. Please be assured these were pro-active presentations to help educate our young people to help them understand how they can keep themselves and one another safe by showing respect and responsibility, two of our key school values.

There have been some fabulous smells coming from the food department this week. Year 10 have been learning how to make Calzone 'from scratch'. It has been great to see the students prepared to experiment, showing great resilience to adapt when more than one attempt has been required. Some of their masterpieces are shown overleaf...



The Week Ahead ...

The Year 9 options process is about to get underway. This starts with parents' evening on Thursday evening. All students have been given appointment sheets. Please encourage your son/daughter to make appointments and attend with your child on the evening. We had excellent feedback from current Year 10 parent/carers about the thoroughness of the options process last year, therefore we are implementing the same process again. The following timetable will ensure students, with the support of parents/carers, can make fully informed decisions. Precise details will be sent to Year 9 parents/carers after half term, but please make a note of the following events.

Date and Time	Activity	Purpose
Thursday 9th February 3.30 – 6:00pm	Parents' evening – current attainment and progress.	1:1 appointments to allow parent/carers to discuss current progress with subject staff to help inform choices.
Week beginning Monday 20th March	Subject talks in lessons/bespoke assemblies.	To give students a greater understanding of what is involved in each subject and the opportunity to ask questions.
Tuesday 28th March 5.00-6.00pm	Year 9 Options Evening. Understanding and supporting with the options process.	To ensure parent/carers understand the process, support available and timelines. Options booklets will be distributed to allow families to discuss choices at home.
Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th April	1:1 meetings with the Leadership Team to confirm choices.	To enable families to discuss final choices and clarify any queries. Submit final choices.

Annual Community Engagement Survey

At Consilium Academies we are deeply committed to serving our communities, this is reflected in an integral part of our mission statement which is, 'a dedication to do all we can for the communities we serve.' The purpose of the survey is to allow you to have a voice, allowing you to help guide Consilium Academies into knowing what we should do better, and what should be our priorities for the future. Our Parent community is an important and valuable part of our Consilium family, and so it is vital to us that you should be given the opportunity to tell us your thoughts. The survey should take no longer than ten minutes, and one lucky parent will receive a £100 Amazon gift voucher taking part.

You can complete the survey using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/zly2a7HF7u>. The deadline for completion is Friday 24th February 2023. Thank you to parent/carers who have already completed the survey.

Just a reminder we break up for half term on Friday 10th February and return on Tuesday 21st February. **There will be no non-uniform day this week.**