

Theme of the week: BASIC NEEDS

**In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.**

- Psalm 5:3 -



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school over this half term; it has been busy! I am aware that students are tired and in need of a good break next week. I hope that they can get some quality rest and return refreshed. For our Year 11 students, rest needs to be balanced with

revision as the second series of mock examinations starts on the Wednesday after we return from half term. I spoke with Year 11 in assembly last week and reminded them that due to a late Easter this year, GCSE exams start only two and a half weeks into the summer term. That means that there are only 30 teaching days left (not counting the mock exam period) before GCSEs begin. Students have been given clear advice on the amount of work they should be doing over half term and effective methods of revision. We are looking forward to seeing many of them in school over the break for additional intervention sessions but much of the hard work needs to be done at home. Thank you for your support in encouraging them to commit to their revision and in ensuring that they do take adequate rest. Well done to the cast and crew of 'High School Musical', and the wonderful staff that worked with them, on a wonderful, uplifting production this week! We are all looking forward to the final performance this evening. I hope that those joining the ski trip to Matrie next week have a fantastic experience on the slopes and look forward to hearing all about their adventures. Thank you to those staff giving up their half term break to make this trip possible.

Mrs Price

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## Forthcoming Events

<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	• Yr 11 Mocks Begin
<b>4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	• Careers Week
<b>14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	• Year 8 Parents' Evening
<b>25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	• Enrichment Day

### Student of the Week

Alex Ward is **Year 7** Student of the Week this week for achieving 100% in all three sections of his Computing assessment. Well done Alex!

Student of the Week for **Year 8** is Lauren Sale due to her embodying our school values by acting as a thoughtful and compassionate student in looking out for the welfare of another pupil.

Dana Al Queshawi has been awarded **Year 9** Student of the Week for working very hard in Maths this term and impressing Ms Furr with her good scores. Dana has also received at least one achievement point every day this week which is incredible.

Student of the Week for **Year 10** is Jess Stanley for her confidence in all three science exams and hard work across the board. She will be an outstanding student with great results come Year 11!

### Uniform

Ms Lowney has sent out a letter out to parents this week with reminders on uniform. Thank you for your ongoing support of our uniform policy. Please support us by ensuring that students have school shoes on their return from half term. Parents and carers are reminded that students are not allowed sweatshirts or hooded jumpers of any description in school. If the weather is cold students can wear white t shirts under their shirts, the school jumper/cardigan, blazer and an overcoat. If students are missing an item of uniform, for whatever reason, please can you ensure that you send them into school with a note? Where students do not have correct uniform, and are not in possession of a note, we may well send them home to remedy their appearance.

### Speakers for Schools Talk – CeCe Sammy

We were delighted to welcome CeCe Sammy into school this week to speak to all Year 9 students, as part of the 'Speakers for Schools' programme. CeCe Sammy has been a leading vocal and performance coach for some of the biggest names in music. She's also known for her TV appearances and behind the scenes

contributions as vocal coach, judge, advisor, talent scout and trouble-shooter on various music and entertainment shows such as 'Pop Idol', 'America's Got Talent', and 'American Idol'. CeCe has worked in many capacities with an impressive roster of talent and industry big wigs including Diana Ross, Will Young and Leona Lewis. The students enjoyed her talk and musical performance and were really interested to hear about her career in the music industry and routes into the music business.

### Year 9 Options

Thank you to all Year 9 parents and pupils, all options forms have now been returned. We will now begin the process of allocating options to students which will include decisions on which course we have enough interest in to run. During the month of March all Year 9 students will meet with a member of the leadership team to discuss their future plans, career interests and possible next steps in education beyond GCSE. It will be during this meeting that they will be informed of their allocated options but, included within the purpose of the meeting, will be to talk through whether any final changes will need to be made. We aim to have completed all these meetings and reviews so that by April 29<sup>th</sup> we will be able to confirm the final option allocations to students and also to parents. Once this final confirmation is issued we will not be able to make any more changes to allocated options.

### Year 11 Half-term revision sessions & Mocks

During half term we are running revision sessions over three days; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If students are allocated a space at these sessions then you, as a parent, will have been notified by email already. If your son/daughter is not able to take up this place then please inform us through the office in advance of the sessions so we can allocate the place to another student. We will also be checking attendance of these sessions and so if you know in advance they are unable to attend then it will save us contacting you on the day. Students do not need to come in uniform to these days and no food service will be running in school so if students are attending morning and afternoon

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session then they should either bring, or be prepared to leave school to buy, their lunch.

We start our second set of Mocks on Wednesday after the holiday so Year 11 students should be working hard during the break. It is worth talking to your son/daughter about their revision plans to ensure that they have some but also that they are not over-working themselves. We have created some individual revision guidance for subjects that you as parents can access through the school website. Students can also access additional revision resources through the School VLE which they all have access to. It would be helpful as well if you can ensure that the students return to school with all the needed equipment for their exam season. Students will need black pens (comfortable enough to write for extended periods of time), a pencil, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, scientific calculator and geometry equipment. We would also recommend that students have highlighters as this can support effective exam strategy. While we may have spare equipment for emergencies we do not store enough equipment to provide for many.

careers they could follow. If anyone is interested can they please email Mrs Coles at [a.coles@kingsschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:a.coles@kingsschoolhove.org.uk)

## City Careers Fair

**City Careers Fair**

Celebrating National Careers Week  
#NCW2019  
#NCWBrighton

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
3.30pm - 6pm

American Express Community Stadium, West Stand

For all Sussex students. Free to attend with no registration required



## Revision Tips

**HALF TERM REVISION MOTIVATION**

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Half term is a great time to chill, but it also gives you a lot of opportunity to really drive home your revision. Make the most of your half term and get revising!

- REVISE**  
Don't leave it until the last minute. A day might seem like a long time, but it really isn't! Get used to revising hours before an event. It might sound daunting, but it's way better than cramming everything you need to learn in on the last Sunday before school.
- RELAX**  
Don't get distracted. It can be really easy to get distracted revising at home. The dog's barking, the TV on, your games console is just within reach. To be more productive by finding a quiet corner, where you're less likely to be disturbed? Or why not try the library - get stuck in without interruption!
- REPEAT**  
Have a party. OK, it isn't the kind of party you're thinking of. Why not bring a bunch of your friends over for a revision party? Spend a few hours revising and then celebrate with a movie and something nice to eat. Pizza, anyone?

Make every bit count. You can still for hours at a desk with a textbook and pencil, and not learn a thing. You really have to plan, prepare, and dedicate yourself to your revision. Use your time wisely and really focus during your revision time. It won't feel like fun, we know, but all this hard work will be worth it in the end!

EVERY STUDENT COUNTS

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It's almost time for the City Careers Fair, celebrating National Careers' Week.

Are you a parent or carer and want to talk to employers and training providers with your children? Are you in education and want to know what could be next? Meet local employers, educators and training providers. Find out about key industry sectors and further education providers. Talk about apprenticeship opportunities. Everyone welcome. Free to attend, no registration required.

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Free parking available. The Amex Stadium is served by local buses and next to Falmer train station.

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## Parents with STEM Careers

We are looking for any parents who work in any STEM (Science, technology, Engineering or Maths) related careers to contact us as we would love it if you could come in and talk to the students about various