



Welcome

I often use my introduction to the newsletter to share or celebrate news about students. However, on this occasion it's my pleasure to celebrate the achievement of our staff! I'm delighted to share the news that the school has been recognised by the SSAT Leading Edge School Network as meeting the highest standards of their Framework for Exceptional Education. We have been praised for our 'transforming practice in professional learning' and told that our 'work in this area is amongst the most effective practice nationally.

Our staff here are hugely dedicated to their professional learning; as individuals, as teams, and through our Leadership and Training Centre. The best teachers are always great learners so I hope this award is encouraging for parents and students to hear about. Congratulations and thanks to all involved in this process and for everyone's commitment to professional learning!

DIARY DATES

C Holmwood
Headteacher

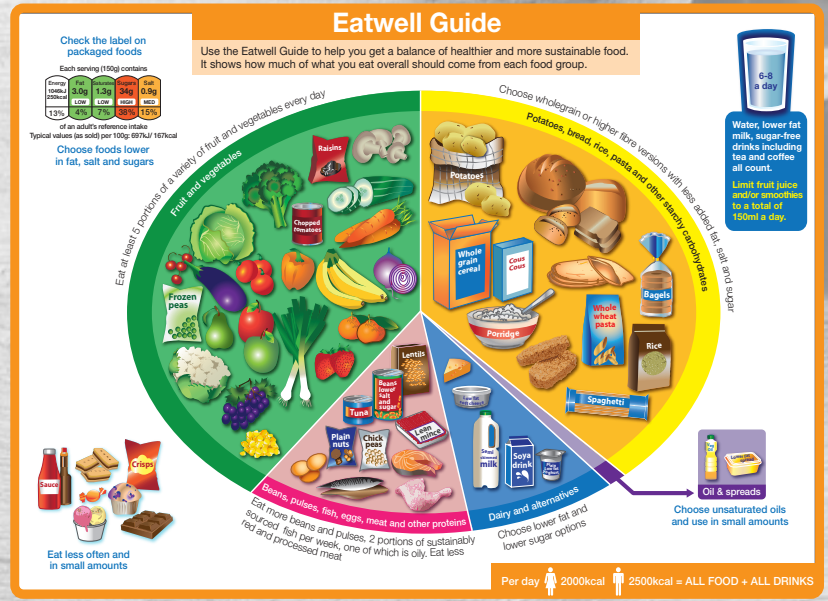
DATE	EVENT
7 Feb	Student Voice Head boy and girl nominations Deadline
10 Feb	Y12 & Y13 Drama Trip to Albion
10 Feb	Y9 Art Trip to V&A Gallery
11, 12, 14 Feb	Y9 PE Leadership Diploma Festival
11 - 14 Feb	Y11 Food Technology Exams
12 - 13 Feb	Y7 - Y13 LGBT Bullying Conferences
13 Feb	Y9 Parents' Evening
14 Feb	Dress to Impress Non Uniform Day
14 Feb	Half Term Ends for Staff and Students
24 Feb	School begins for Staff and Students (Week 2)
25 Feb	GIV Project Pancake Selling
25 Feb	Student Voice Student Summit Review Day
25 Feb	Y11 Business GCSE Revision Day
25 Feb	Y12 & Y13 Drama Trip to Dr Faustus
27 Feb	Y10 Parents' Evening

FOOD PREPARATION AND NUTRITION NEWS

Star Chef!

Y 8 students are continuing to enjoy learning the skills to prepare dishes which follow the eat well guide as part of their food preparation and nutrition lessons.

Students have made chilli con carne, chicken curry, savoury pastry puffs, chicken burgers, apple crumble, savoury bread, risotto, carrot and coriander soup and macaroni cheese. They have enjoyed competing for the chef of the week award, which entitles them to wear the I love cooking apron!



STAR CHEF



National Apprenticeships Week

National Apprenticeship Week 3 – 7 February 2020

Apprenticeships are growing in popularity amongst our Sixth Form and Year 11 students as a pathway option to continue their education and training. They are available at all levels including degree level.

This pathway option provides students with an opportunity to gain an academic qualification combined with work experience and a salary and are available in sectors such as Engineering, Law, Business and Finance, Childcare, Health and Beauty, Electrician, Software Development and Nursing to name but a few!

As a school we work closely with local businesses to help raise awareness of career pathways in and around our local area and actively promote apprenticeship opportunities amongst our students.

National Apprenticeship Week is scheduled to take place from the 3 – 7 February 2020 and we have included a link below to the Amazing Apprenticeship website where you can discover further information about this pathway:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

If you are a member of our parent community who works for an organisation that offers apprenticeship opportunities please do contact Mrs A Harris, the school's Careers Advisor at aharris@sbeschool.org.uk and she would be delighted to discuss these with you.

Sixth Form - Degree Level Apprenticeships

We are currently working with SMC Pneumatics, a local Engineering business, to offer our Sixth Form students the opportunity to take part in a mock apprenticeship application process. This initiative provides our students with an opportunity to practice their CV writing; job application and interview skills as they begin to apply for apprenticeships and help prepare them for success on their post Sixth Form pathway.

Level 2 and 3 Apprenticeship Opportunities

Local businesses such as Niftylift, Anglian Water, Network Rail, SJD Electrical and HMGCC (to name but a few!) offer apprenticeship opportunities at either Level 2 or Level 3. Level 2 apprenticeships are equivalent to GCSE study and Level 3 apprenticeships are equivalent to A Level study.

Unifrog is also a fantastic platform for searching for apprenticeship opportunities and students who are registered can log onto the website at www.unifrog.org

Consent Forms for Injections



TODAY, Thursday 6 February, all year 9 students will be bringing home information and consent forms for their injections in March. Please return the forms by Thursday 13 March to Matron in the medical room. Students will not be able to have these important immunisations if their consent form has not been returned.

Lost Property

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be displayed in the Phase 1 Street from Thursday 6 February until Friday 14 February. Please encourage your child/ren to look for any missing items.



PE News



Sports Presentation Awards

Has your child competed at county, regional or national level in a sporting activity that the school does not participate in?
Please send details to Mr Doyle (sdoyle@sbeschool.org.uk) for the consideration of the PE team.

Careers Spotlight!

Solicitor

We are delighted to place the role of Solicitor in the careers spotlight!

Solicitors provide advice to clients regarding the law and act on their behalf in legal matters.

This is a graduate profession and students can either proceed to University or undertake a degree level apprenticeship.

There are no set requirements for A Level study, however, students should consider studying their strongest subjects at A Level as entry to University is competitive.

Although students can study Law at University, other courses can also be studied from a variety of options from the Humanities to the Sciences and students can undertake post-graduate study in the form of a Law conversion course.

There are currently 425 Solicitors in the Milton Keynes area and the average salary for a solicitor in the United Kingdom is £42,494.

For further information regarding this career pathway and to discover more options please visit unifrog.org

MFL News

Another successful Language Leaders workshop took place on Thursday 30 January. 16 of our Year 8 Language Leaders went to Priory Rise School to teach Year 5 children some French, German and Spanish alongside students from Hazeley School. The most fascinating aspect of the afternoon was to witness the professionalism displayed by our students as well as their ability to engage pupils. The year 5 pupils clearly learnt a lot from the sessions and clearly enjoyed themselves learning languages!

Equalities Team News

On Tuesday 28 January 10 of our Equalities Leaders attended an Anti-Bullying ambassador training day organised by the Diana Award. During the day, they learnt about the different signs of bullying and how to tackle various issues. They came away with helpful tips and ideas on how to tackle bullying and raise more awareness. Look out for our Anti-bullying Ambassadors who are wearing the Diana Award badge, and the different initiatives they will be implementing.

Young Enterprise

Every year Young Enterprise in Milton Keynes holds a Trade Fair at Middleton Hall in the Centre MK.

It is a chance for the Young Enterprise team from Shenley Brook End and all Milton Keynes schools to sell their products and/or services. This year we had one team there. The team sold retro and re-used branded t-shirts. Their aim was to prevent the thousands of tonnes of clothing landfill by selling on donated, branded t-shirts. They made £60. Most importantly the group learned a great deal about interacting with the general public and how they MUST improve the company to move it forward.

Well done to the students involved.

Many thanks to Mr Bereit for being there to support the students and for being the teacher in charge.

Mr Greenhalgh
Director of Sixth Form



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Coronavirus

Advice on the Coronavirus from the Department for Education

Coronavirus – Advice for all early years providers, schools and further education providers

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad.

The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at:

- <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>

Latest information and advice can also be found at:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Please share this advice with your staff and cascade as appropriate.

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

What action you can take

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

You can do this by:

Displaying this poster in relevant public spaces:

- <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5e35b25740f0b609169cb52a/coronavirus-public-info-poster-2.pdf>

Sharing DHSC content from the following social media links:

- <https://twitter.com/DHSCgovuk/status/1223888531262726144>
- <https://www.facebook.com/DHSCgovuk/videos/194227541968649/>
- https://www.linkedin.com/posts/dhsc_coronavirus-coronavirusoutbreak-coronavirusuk-activity-6629655670331318273-Djpu



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