

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really exciting week in school with the MK5D Basketball team reaching the finals, we also attended the MK Festival of the Arts last weekend and the Jazz Band and Orchestra came second! Congratulations to Hagan Chu who won Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts 2024 young musician of the year, more details are here: [Milton Keynes Young Musician of the Year](#)

Year 10 have finished their first week of work experience, we are really proud of the students who are representing the school so positively.

### **MK5D Basketball**

The Academy side had another historic victory this week when they won against Holy Trinity School to set themselves up for a return visit to the National Academy Finals next week! William Issekya and Buai Luak led the charge on offence with some sharp shooting and huge baskets to stop a Holy Trinity comeback. In the end the game finished a comfortable 76-58 win for the MK5D Team.

Coach Beddow said, "it was a really good team performance and it's a privilege to be in the finals once again. It says a lot about the strength of our pathway and programme in Milton Keynes and the trust. We are gaining recognition on the National stage for all the hard work that everyone is putting in and we can all be really proud of that. The final will be tough for us. We face St Aloysius who haven't lost all year, it's going to be a game to remember!"



## Key dates

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| All Years         |                                       |   |
| Monday 25 March   | Spring Concert                        | Students must arrive at school for 6pm and wear school uniform. Sixth form students must wear all black.<br>The concert starts at 6.30pm and tickets must be purchased in advance.  |
| Thursday 28 March | Last day of term                      | School finishes at normal time.   |
| Monday 15 April   | First day of Summer Term              | All students return.  |
| Saturday 23 March | Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Training Day | We ask that students arrive at SBE School for 9am with an aim to depart at 9.30am.<br>Students will be required to be wear walking boots, waterproof trousers and a waterproof jacket and any other warm layer they feel they might need. Depending on the weather report closer to the time, students may wish to bring hat/gloves etc. In addition, students will need a packed lunch and plenty to drink. All of the above can be carried in a small day sack, the size of a standard school bag. A full DofE rucksack is not required.<br>It is estimated we will return to SBE School at 12-12.30pm.   |
| Thursday 28 March | Duke of Edinburgh Gold Training Day   | We ask that students arrive at SBE School for 7am with an aim to depart in the school minibuses between 7.15am-7.30am.<br>Students will be required to be dressed ready to walk for several hours. This will include walking boots, waterproof trousers and a waterproof jacket and any other warm layer they feel they might need. Depending on the weather report closer to the time, students may wish to bring hat/gloves etc. In addition, students will need a packed lunch and plenty to drink. All of the above can be carried in a small day sack, the size of a standard school bag. A full DofE rucksack is not required.<br>It is estimated we will return to SBE School between 5-6pm. |
| Year 9            |                                       |   |

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| Tuesday 16 April                    | Woman in Black Theatre Trip         | We will leave school at 5.30pm and return to school at approximately 10.30pm.  |
| Year 10                             |                                     |  |
| Monday 25 March – Thursday 28 March | Work Experience                     | Year 10 Work Experience continues.   |
| Thursday 18 April                   | Year 10 Parents Evening             | See separate email for more information.   |
| Year 11                             |                                     |  |
| Wednesday 27 March                  | Jekyll and Hyde Theatre Trip        | We will leave school at 11.45am and will return to school by 3.45pm and will travel by coach. Students will need to take a packed lunch (students who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch from school). |
| Sixth Form                          |                                     |  |
| Wednesday 17 April                  | Year 12 Geography Trip to Bletchley | We will leave school at 11am by school minibus and, if they are not going to make their own way home, students will be accompanied by a teacher back to Shenley Brook End. The focus group activity will finish by 2.45pm.                 |

### **Year 11 Prom and Year 13 Ball Donations**

With the Year 11 Prom and Sixth Form Ball drawing closer, we are reaching out to parents for suit and dress donations in all sizes. Please feel free to share this with your friends and family too as we feel this may be popular.

All donations will be made available to all students in these year groups, who may not be able to afford a new one or purely wish to dress more sustainably. If a student wishes to access the donated items, please contact either your Year Leader or Progress Leader so they can show you what is available.

If you wish to donate, please feel free to drop them during the school opening hours via our main reception at your earliest convenience.

## **Uniform**

As we enter the summer term after the Easter half term I would like to update you on our uniform policy. Coats, jackets and hoodies will not be permitted to be worn in the school building; this includes in lessons, the street and the canteen. Blazers are to be worn at all times. If you wish to remove your blazer, then this is to be done in classrooms through talking to the teacher, but they need to be worn when entering and leaving the classroom.

A few other reminders about our uniform policy are:

- Trainers are not appropriate school footwear (this includes plain black trainers)
- Ugg boots are not permitted school footwear
- Socks need to be black in colour only and fluffy socks are not permitted
- Leggings are not permitted to be worn
- PE hoodies are only to be worn in PE lessons and not around the building as part of the school uniform
- Consequences are still in place for incorrect uniform and can be logged by any member of staff throughout the day. Students should be expected to be questioned on incorrect uniform by any member of staff

## **Road Safety**

I can stress the importance of speaking to your child about road safety. We have had several incidents recently of students making dangerous decisions when walking to and from school and with sixth form students when driving in the school car park.

## **Spring Concert**

Our Spring Concert is on Monday 25 March at 6.30pm in the theatre, there are still tickets available and tickets will be available on the door. We hope you can join us for what is always a great evening of music.



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## *A Spring Concert*

*Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March*

*6.30pm*

*GBE Theatre*

*Tickets £3/£2*



Best wishes

Gareth McCluskey

Headteacher