



# The Word

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20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

## Headteacher's Roundup

Happy Friday! Whilst walking around school earlier this week, I reflected on how lucky we are to have such lovely school grounds and to be able to appreciate nature's ebb and flow. The pond area is in full bloom and our new resident fish have settled very nicely. The blossom on the trees, planted for the Queens Canopy in the Platinum garden, is very lovely and our Eco club are busy planting their produce.



Year 11 have worked very hard this week, and really settled down well to their exams. Well done everyone! Our thoughts are with them and let's hope all their hard work pays off. As you know, it's INSET day next Friday. Years 7 to 10 will not be in school. Year 11 will attend for their exam sessions and then have the opportunity to go home. Staff will be revisiting and evaluating the curriculum and assessment.

Years 8 and 9 have had their PSHEC days this week. The Senior team discussed with me the maturity and interesting thoughts the students shared. A huge well done to our year 7 & 8 rounders team who won their matches at our inter-school competition. A quick reminder that we have clubs running every night after school, so please do encourage your child to take part. There is something for everyone!

I have also had the pleasure of reading some creative writing by two of our year 7s, Hayley T and Isabelle T. I never fail to be amazed by the talent we have in school.

Finally, I'm really looking forward to the House Charities Week, next week. More details to follow in next week's edition of the Word.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Annette Kramlin*

### Word of the Week

#### OVERVIEW

Noun: A general outline of a subject or situation, survey or summary. The leaflet gave an overview of each of the local tourist attractions.

### House Points Totals

The running totals for number of house points so far are:

			
<b>46451</b>	<b>43554</b>	<b>45047</b>	<b>47138</b>

## Diary Reminders

### All Years:

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – INSET Day for **years 7 – 10 only**

### Year 7:

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Girls Super 6s (A) vs Tudor Grange – 4pm – 5.30pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Boys Super 6s

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Y7 Rounders (H) vs Tudor Grange

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 7 end of year exams

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 7 Science Workshop

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Y7 Rounders Tournament

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Year 7 History Trip to Kenilworth Castle

### Year 8:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Y7 football 4G tournament (A) @ Tudor Grange

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Girls Super 6s (A) vs Tudor Grange – 4pm – 5.30pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – U13 Cricket (A) vs Tudor Grange – 3pm – 6pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Boys Super 6s

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 8 Rounders Tournament

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 8 HPV1 Vaccinations

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 8 end of year exams

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Y8 Rounders (H) vs Tudor Grange

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Y8 Rounders (A) vs Arden

### Year 9:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Year 9 end of year exams

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Y9 Rounder (H) vs Tudor Grange

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Girls Super 6s (A) vs Tudor Grange – 4pm – 5.30pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Boys Super 6s

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Y9 Rounders (A) vs Langley

### Year 10:

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Y9 Rounders (H) vs Tudor Grange

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 end of year exams

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – U15 Cricket (A) vs Tudor Grange – 3pm – 6pm

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Y10 Rounders (A) vs Arden

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 History Trip to Thackray Museum of Medicine

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Y10 Rounders (A) vs Langley

### Year 11:

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 11 Prom

## Year 7 End of Year Celebration trip to CONKERS

H Band – 12<sup>th</sup> July

L Band – 14<sup>th</sup> July

£33.00 per student to be paid via Parent Pay by **20<sup>th</sup> June**.

Further information has been emailed to you.



## Thought of the week

### Water Saving Week

23 May – 27 May

The UK has less available water per person than most other European countries. London is drier than Istanbul, and the South East of England has less water available per person than some African countries.

Surprised? Climate change, population increases and changes in lifestyle have led to increasing pressure being put on our water supplies. The expected increase in world population up to 10 billion people will decline the available freshwater resources by half in 2050.

As a result, it is more important than ever that we take care with how we use water. Taking positive action now can help to ensure that there is enough water to go around, for us, for businesses and for the environment.

#### Save Money

Saving water saves money. Installing simple devices such as water-efficient taps and showers will save both water and energy by minimising the use of heated water. An efficient showerhead could reduce household bills by up to £120 per year. Leaky loos waste around 400 litres of

clean water a day – the equivalent of having extra two people living in your house!

#### Climate Change

Our use of water and energy are closely linked. Operational emissions from the water industry account for nearly 1% of the UK's total. And a major source of emissions is from using hot water within homes. Reducing the length of your shower or the amount of hot water you use for cleaning dishes therefore has a significant impact on your personal carbon footprint. Using water wisely also helps us adapt to climate change – it means the water we do have goes further.

#### The Environment

Using water efficiently means that we can minimise the amount of additional water resources being taken out of our rivers and aquifers, especially as demand is rising.

#### Resilient Water Supplies

As water resources become scarcer, building new infrastructure like reservoirs and desalination plants, or finding new sources of supply, becomes increasingly expensive. If we save water that is otherwise wasted, we can reduce pressure on existing infrastructure and offset the need for more. Using water wisely also makes our supply more resilient against impacts from climate change, such as droughts.



## GCSE Examination Timetable

Please see below the examination timetable for the upcoming GCSEs. Please note, morning exams begin at 9am and afternoon exams begin at 1.30pm. If students are not completing an examination they should attend normal lessons and lunch break. You can find the timetable on the school website.

April/May		MFL Speaking Window Open			Minutes	Week 2
23/05/2022	am	Mon	Geography	90		
24/05/2022	am	Tues	French	105		
	pm		PE & Sports Science (CN)	60		
25/05/2022	am	Wed	English Literature Paper 1	105		
26/05/2022	am	Thurs	Spanish	105		
	pm		RE	105		
27/05/2022	am	Fri	Science Chemistry	70/105		
	pm		Computer Science	90		

Half-Term						Week 1
06/06/2022	am	Mon	German/Child Development (CN)	80		
07/06/2022	am	Tues	Maths Paper 2	90		
	pm		Geography	90		
08/06/2022	am	Wed	English Literature Paper 2	105		
09/06/2022	am	Thurs	History	80		
	pm		Science Physics	70/105		
10/06/2022	am	Fri	English Language Paper 2	105		
	pm		PE	60		
13/06/2022	am	Mon	Maths Paper 3	90		
	pm		Business Studies/Creative i-media (CN)	90		
14/06/2022	am	Tues	Geography	90		
15/06/2022	am	Wed	Science Biology	70/105		
	pm		DT	120		
16/06/2022		Thurs				
	pm		French	80		
17/06/2022	am	Fri	Spanish	80		
20/06/2022	am	Mon	Science Chemistry	70/105		
	pm		Food and Nutrition	105		
21/06/2022	am	Tues	History	55		
22/06/2022	am	Wed	Music	90		
23/06/2022	am	Thurs	Science Physics	70/105		



# Uniform Policy

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Our uniform bears our logo, which represents our core values. Our uniform should be worn with pride. Students are expected to adhere to the uniform rules and present themselves smartly every day as they would in the world of work.

## SHOES

We do appreciate that shoes can be an expensive item for parents to buy and we are therefore keen to ensure the correct version is purchased. Your child may tell you differently. Trainer type shoes are not permitted, nor are canvas pumps, trainers or mules. There should be no added "bling" in the form of glittery stones and studs. Shoes should be flat or with a minimal heel, sensible plain style. Black, clean and polished.

Below are examples of shoes the school deems unacceptable.



## JEWELLERY & PIERCINGS

A watch for telling the time and one small plain metal stud in each pierced ear lobe are permitted. These must be removed for safety reasons during PE lessons.

No large earrings, glass studs or stretchers.

Only one plain stud per ear lobe is permitted for pupils with pierced ears. No other body piercings are allowed, or piercings covered with plasters.

If your child is going to have their ears pierced please ensure this takes place at the beginning of the six week holiday so that pupils are able to remove earrings if requested without still undergoing the "settling in" period.

## MAKE-UP, NAIL VARNISH & FALSE EYE LASHES

Make-up is inappropriate with school uniform and should not be worn.

No nail varnish or false nails to be worn.

False eye lashes are unacceptable due to Health & Safety concerns.

## HAIRCUTS & ACCESSORIES

Conventional hairstyle/colour. No coloured hair/stripes shaved in. Hair not be shorter than a 'No. 2'. cut. Hair accessories must be functional, small and black.



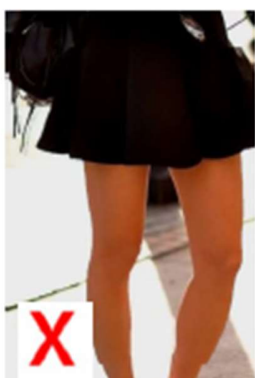
**Uniform suppliers:**

**Monkhouse, Shirley  
Clive Mark, Kings Heath**

**Concept Schoolwear, Hall Green  
Midland Schoolwear, Acocks Green**

## LIGHT HALL UNIFORM (BOYS & GIRLS)

- Black Blazer with Badge
- Black Trousers (conventional width – no tight fitting trousers)
- Black Pleated School Skirt (supplied by approved stockist) with pre-embroidered tree on the hemline. The hemline must be on the knee; or
- Black Straight Skirt supplied by approved stockist with pre-embroidered tree on the hemline; or
- Black straight skirt can be purchased from any high street store and a badge purchased from school to be sewn onto the hemline (front left). This hemline must be on the knee. The skirt fabric must not be stretch, tube, knitted, leather or faux leather
- Black Socks/Tights. We recommend that tights are worn with skirts.
- White Collared Shirt
- School House Tie – Clip-on
- Black formal shoes (no pumps or trainer style)
- Plain black V neck sweater (to ensure that tie can seen). No hoodies, sweatshirts or logos.
- Appropriate outdoor coat (no denim, no logos, no hoodies, no sportswear, no leather)
- Headscarves to be plain black only



Skirt should be no more than 5 cm above the top of knee



No lycra/tube skirts



No leggings



No skinny or cropped trousers

## SPORTSWEAR (BOYS & GIRLS)

- Light Hall Polo Shirt with Light Hall Badge
- Black Shorts with Light Hall Badge or Light Hall Skort
- Universal Sports Top with Light Hall Badge
- Shin Pads
- Black Football Socks
- Trainers
- Gum Shield (advisable for hockey and rugby)
- Football Boots (required for football or rugby)

## OPTIONAL

- School Base Layer – black
- School Track Suit bottoms - from approved supplier with logo. Strictly no leggings or coloured tracksuit bottoms.