



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 29 September

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This Week

Yesterday 38 year 11 students attended their second day of Geography fieldwork visiting the market town of **Chesterfield**. The students were investigating changing land use as you move away from the CBD. They also explored shopping provision in the town and collected information about traffic flows and pedestrian flows as well as interviewing shoppers. everyone enjoyed the day and the weather was glorious.



Students and staff baked cakes and biscuits this week for the **coffee morning** in aid of **Macmillan today**. A fabulous feast of cakes was on sale to staff and students at break.

Some of our **Urban Choir students** have been asked to perform in various projects at the **Derby Music Festival this weekend**. This is a great opportunity and experience for them. There is a free taster for Urban Choir this evening. Should your child wish to participate after the taster the cost for the half term is £12—letters have gone out to parents/carers of interested students. Newbies welcome!



On **Wednesday 27 September**, **Years 9 & 10** received Eon-funded **workshops on renewable energy**. The students were split into 'consulting teams' to become experts in wind, solar and hydro energy technologies. Students had to design and build functioning micro-models of their chosen technology using power-generating K'nex kits. At the end of the workshop, the teams had to analyse, calculate and

debate possible locations for their energy technology, taking into account the geography, public opinion and their fellow energy teams' conclusions.

The workshops gave students a greater understanding on renewable energy and the potential careers of the future.



Next Week

Approximately 40 students will be out on the **GCSE Art Trip to Chatsworth** on Monday 2 October.

To help improve oracy and communication skills within school, there will be a '**No Pens Day**' on **Wednesday 4 October** for Key Stage 3 students. Pupils' communication skills are essential for their development and can often help those who feel less confident with the 'written' word. Projects will include drama projects, art/creative work and discussions.

We have **four Primary schools visiting us next week** to take part in the **Y6 taster afternoons** which run from 1.15 - 2.45 pm. We invite students to take part in taster lessons to experience a secondary school setting, the Science and Technology departments will be delivering these lessons.

The primaries will be visiting us on **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday** next week and then the following **Monday (9 October)**. In addition to this we will be holding a **Y6 taster day** for **Cavendish Close** on **Friday 13 October**.

We have a collection of **lost property** items in the medical room. If your child has mislaid any item, please ask them to see Lin Ganley.

Mr Bellingall will be leading **assemblies** next week. The theme is Introduction to British Values and awards for the best tutor display.

Dates for your diary

Exciting news for **Y7s!** On **10 October** there will be a **Create Your Future Day** at school with employers who will share their thoughts on the best ways young people can gain a head start when it comes to their future career. The event will be co-hosted by Maggie Philbin OBE (Tomorrow's World/Bang Goes The Theory) and Dallas Campbell (Bang Goes The Theory/Supersized Earth). Letters have gone out to parents/carers of Y7s this week.

ATTENDANCE

Winning tutor group for each year for this week:

Year 7 – 7PJ + 7TP – 99%

Year 8 – 8CO – 97.7%

Year 9 – 9JP – 98%

Year 10 – 10AW – 99.6%

Year 11 – 11HL – 99%

Well done!