



23rd March
2018

HEAD LINES

ANNUAL CAREERS FAIR

Tuesday 27th March
6pm - 8.30pm
Primmer Hall and
The Diner

Speak to exhibitors from a wide range of careers including the police, finance, childcare, and performing arts. There is a STEM Zone with representatives from engineering, construction IT and health. Universities, colleges and the sixth form will all be there, as well as employers and apprenticeship and training providers.

We would encourage all Year 9 to 13 students and parents/carers to attend. World Challenge students will be selling refreshments with proceeds going to their expedition. Please put the date in your diary and come along to this great event.

BRITISH BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

There are only a couple of spaces left for the British Basketball Playoffs at the O2 on Sunday 20th May. Anyone who has played in the Year 8 or 9 Girls / Boys basketball teams was invited. If you would still like to come please hand in your payment and slip as soon as possible as Year 7 will be offered the trip on Monday morning to fill the remaining spaces. If you haven't got a letter please contact the PE department.

Year 11 have continued with the second round of their PPEs this week and will have a mock results day before we break up for Easter. They have worked hard for these exams and I'm sure they will be rewarded for their efforts, come the real results day in August! Although they are facing a very challenging period, they will be aware of all the support that is in place for them here, through their subject teachers and pastoral team. Mr Davis is organising a paintball activity to keep spirits buoyant - and planning for the prom also helps students see that the exams will be over...eventually!

I am afraid I again need to draw some parents' attention to the concerns we have over poor or inconsiderate driving and parking at the start and end of the day, having received this email from a member of staff:

'I came towards school about 3.10 hoping to nip in before the buses but as usual two minutes too late. Duffield Road was chaos, particularly towards the end nearest Tesco's. The bus coming the opposite way had no where to go as parents had parked in the bus stop. I pulled into Dorset Road which also had loads of cars parked with waiting parents with lots parked across drives etc. - really unfair on the people who own the houses. Cars were parked on corners and in places obstructing the view of pupils trying to get past really poorly parked cars.'

Please do not come down Duffield Road if you can possibly avoid it. Similarly, the roads nearest the school also get very crowded. Unless there is a physical reason why your child cannot walk a couple of hundred metres, please try to find a quiet road to drop them or meet them. We have no authority over where or how people drive or park but are regularly contacted by frustrated neighbours and are genuinely concerned about the safety of our children.

Carrie Lynch - Headteacher

THE BIG BANG FAIR

Following a successful trip to the Big Bang Fair during British Science Week, a big thank you to BASF who were exhibiting at the event and have sent us some of the Science Illustrated Dictionaries from their stand.



WEEKLY CALENDAR - WEEK A

Day	Date	School Activity
Monday	26 Mar	Year 13 pre-public exams begin
Tuesday	27 Mar	1630 – Year 11 Drama Public Performance 1800-2030 - Careers Fair in PAH/Diner
Wednesday	28 Mar	1530-1630 - Year 7/8 Spring Sport inter-house event 1900 - 2100 Teacher Training Recruitment Evening. The Ongar Academy, Fyfield Road, Ongar
Thursday	29 Mar	1530-1630 - Year 7/8 Spring Sport inter-house event Year 11 pre-public exam Results Day Year 13 pre-public exams end
Friday	30 Mar	Easter Holiday - 30th March to 13th April 2018

Sports Fixtures are updated on the website weekly

DIARY DATES

Spring Term Ends:
Thursday 29th March 2018 - 3.15 p.m.

Summer Term Begins:
Monday 16th April 2018

May Bank Holiday:
Monday 7th May 2018

Half Term:
Monday 28th May 2018 – Friday 1st June 2018

Inset Day:
Friday 13th July 2018

Summer Term Ends:
Friday 20th July 2018 - 1.00 p.m.

