

February 2019



ARNEWOOD NEWSLETTER



New Look for SCOLA



The IT Girls



We Will Rock You



**Where Are They
Now?**

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

2019 has started with a bang.

Finally, following a year of building work, we are back into the new SCOLA block. Since its refurbishment, it is looking very smart and hopefully, fit for the next 50 years or longer. Behind the façade, there are some new features hidden from sight including improved fire safety, and disabled access once a new lift is installed at Easter.

Much more obvious are the renovated classrooms and offices. The new finance office can be found next to reception where visitors should sign in when visiting. I would like to thank parents for their patience on parent and open evenings when we have had reduced parking. Fortunately, the temporary accommodation has now gone so we have space back on the rear playground now.

This term we enjoyed the spectacular We Will Rock You. The student performers did an amazing job and the hours of rehearsal after school and on a weekend shone through in the quality of the acting, dancing and singing. The production has a large number of lead roles as well as a big chorus and we are fortunate to have talent in abundance to fill the cast.

A live music performance, and especially one where the songs are as well-known as Queen's, requires a high level of musicianship. We are incredibly fortunate to have dedicated staff who throw their energy into events of this complexity. While they would be the first to recognise it is a team effort, I wish to offer my thanks again to Mrs Watson, Mr Elkington and Mr Byles (pictured right) and Dr Evans for bringing the West End to Arnewood.



I am sure the rest of the year will be as busy. With spring hopefully on the way (and fingers crossed no more snow) we begin to turn our minds to summer exams and starting revision early!

Nigel Pressnell - Headteacher

YEAR 7

By Miss Vincent, Head of Year 7

Our Y7 cohort are now fully integrated into Arnewood life and have fully immersed themselves into opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. It was pleasing to see a number of Y7 students playing various roles in the recent school production of We Will Rock You, what an outstanding show! Other highlights include the table cricket competition, the pantomime trip (sleeping beauty), pizza reward lunch for attendance, the Christmas assembly at St Mary Magdalene church, cookery club and many sporting fixtures.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 80 Y7 students who achieved 100% attendance during the first term. This achievement resulted in an invite to a celebration pizza party at lunchtime. Having good attendance from Y7 is incredibly influential on attainment of GCSE grades in Y11. I would like to thank you for your continued support on this.

We are now looking forward to the summer term, which is packed with lots of great and exciting opportunities.

Keep up the great work Y7.



COOKERY CLUB

This half term has seen eight Y7 students embark on a six-week cookery course with professional chef, Sally Rowe. The four boys and four girls spent the six sessions cooking various dishes and learning many new culinary skills. The dishes included, homemade bread and tomato soup, sweet and sour stir fry, mince pies, pizza, Spanish risotto and chocolate brownies.

One student said, "I really looked forward to Tuesdays. The lessons were really fun and I learnt lots of new things. I took the food I made home to share with my family, they loved all the dishes I made, especially the warm, crusty bread rolls to go with the soup. My favourite thing I made was the chocolate brownies. We made them using gluten-free flour, to learn the skill of baking with these products. They were delicious and I could not taste the difference, they were so chocolatey and gooey! I will miss cooking club now that it is over and hope I can do it again".

The students involved were a real credit to the school and demonstrated great perseverance in learning new and valuable life skills.

Chef Sally said, "The students were brilliant and it was lovely to give them the opportunity. There was always a lovely atmosphere created from both the staff and students. I would love to return to Arnewood and teach another cohort of students".

Finally, I would like to give my thanks to Sally Rowe for her time with our students and to Mrs Penrose for her support throughout the course.



TABLE CRICKET

A team of six students represented Arnewood in this years' New Forest Table Cricket tournament at Brockenhurst College. This event is sponsored by The Lord's Taverners and run by the Hampshire County Cricket.

The game is played on a table tennis table. Side panels and sliding fielders are placed around the table to create an arena, a small ball and ramp are used to bowl, and a wooden bat enables players to score runs, simulating a game of cricket.

Our team did really well with players accumulating runs quickly. Luke Paulley managed to strike three sixes in a row and Ellie James, Imogen Frend and Jack Mann were vital to our success in the tournament, managing to score well and save runs in the field too.

The most notable performances were by Alfie Beaumont and Aimeeleigh Webster. They were voted by students from the other eight schools to receive special prizes. Alfie received the medal for honesty, this being one of the New Forest School Sport's qualities, and Aimeeleigh was voted as one of the two best players in the whole tournament! She went home with a very much coveted Hampshire Cricket Club top which she wore with pride!



PANTOMIME - SLEEPING BEAUTY



On Wednesday 12th December, Y7s took a trip to the Pantomime at the Pavilion in Bournemouth for what was sure to be a fun-filled afternoon. The pantomime we went to see was Sleeping Beauty.

For some of our students, it was their first time ever seeing a pantomime and it is safe to say I think they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was a joy to see all 100 students having a great time and forming new friendships with their peers.

The characters were all exceptionally entertaining and put their all into making an enjoyable performance for us. During the interval, students were provided with an ice cream which was enjoyed by all.

At the end of the show, Emily, Preston, Ellis and Sophia were invited onto the stage to play some games and dance to "baby shark", it was incredibly entertaining. The students were very good sports and received a goody bag for their efforts.

A great trip and we look forward to returning to the pavilion next Christmas!

YEAR 8

By Mr Byles, Head of Year 8

Since taking over as head of year, I have been really impressed with the way Y8s have taken the many and varied opportunities on offer to them.

In lessons, the students have worked really hard with the knowledge that they are close to choosing their options for their KS4 courses. Make sure you attend our options evening on Wednesday 27th February starting at 6.30pm in the school hall.

We had a lovely celebration at the end of January where nearly 50 of the year group were awarded for 100% attendance with a pizza lunch. We continue to encourage and reward high attendance to ensure students can achieve their best in lessons. We also have four students who have already achieved their platinum award for continued high-quality work and effort in lessons, congratulations to Poppy, Jessica, Francesca and Fred.

In addition to this we have had a good number of students involved in the school Christmas concert, our Christmas assembly at St Mary Magdalen Church, the school's successful performance of We Will Rock you and involvement in school sports teams. Our girls' rugby team also triumphed in a local tournament last term.

We now look forward to choosing our options the residential activities trip to Little Canada on the Isle of Wight!



OUR BRILLIANT STUDENTS

12 of our Y8s are in the school's 'Brilliant Club' which offers opportunities to look at paths to universities and help them plan for their futures.

Towards the end of January, our 'Brilliant Club' students attended the launch of the Scholar's programme in Oxford.

They were treated to an in-depth tour of Wadham College and were able to get an idea of what university life is like from students studying there. Over the next few weeks, our Brilliant Club will be completing work with a PhD lecturer on the topic of 'Can Poetry Save the Planet? The role of poetry in a time of climate crisis.' We look forward to their graduation ceremonies in the summer term!

ENTERPRISE WORKSHOP



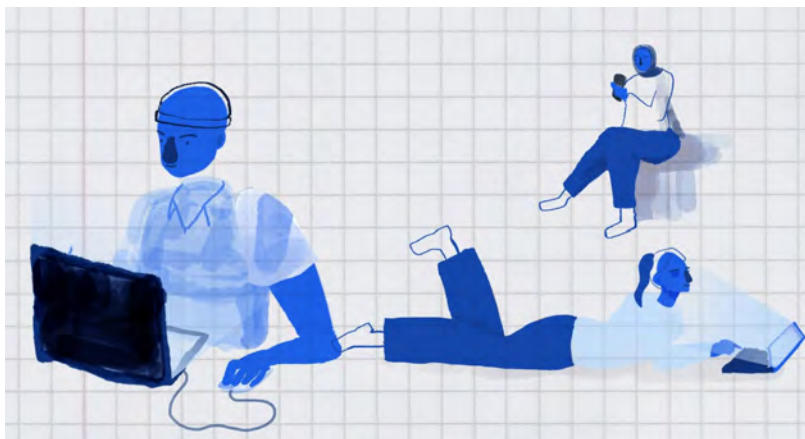
30 of the year group have been involved in Young Enterprise workshops since November. These sessions give young people the life skills, knowledge & confidence they need to succeed in the changing world of work. This is a great opportunity for our students who are really enjoying these sessions and finding them very beneficial.

By Mr Emecz, Head of Year 9

As Y9 students approach the halfway mark of their first year of GCSE study, they are preparing for exams as well as focussing on their future careers.

The Y9 exams take place week beginning 4th March, and teachers have been helping students develop their revision skills in lessons and tutor times.

Tutors have also introduced the Kudos careers website to help students think about what their GCSEs might lead to.



FOCUS ON SCIENCE – TASSOMAI

Lots of Y9 students have signed up to Tassomai to help prepare them for their GCSEs. This allows students to revise "little and often" to build up their knowledge and understanding of Physics, Chemistry and Biology through a series of multiple-choice quizzes.

Students can log in via the internet or download an app to their phone or iPad. They can get going straight away with a Quick Start Quiz, or search the topics they are studying to revise a particular unit. Tassomai lets their science teachers know how they are doing and will ask targeted questions to help improve their progress.

Students are set a daily goal which is targeted to their capability. Completing quizzes and getting answers right gives you XP points, and hitting daily targets means extra bonuses.


REVISION PLANNERS

Students have been encouraged to start revising early, with revision planners covering the month leading up to the exams. Tutors asked students to list the subjects they have to revise for, making note of other commitments like after-school sports and clubs. They decided when and how they would revise, transferring topic lists into a custom-made timetable and setting personal revision goals. Revision times vary as there will be no exams in subjects like Childcare, Health and Social Care and Hair and Beauty. However, in general, students have found they need to plan for around two hours of revision a night if they want to cover all of their topics without using up their half-term holiday.


























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CAREERS

Students have free access to Kudos, an online careers guidance website. They can answer a range of questions about their skills and interests, building up a picture of possible future careers. Kudos makes recommendations based on the answers given and allows you to search for careers by industry or salary range. You can highlight specific jobs and make personal plans including arranging work experience, joining a society or club and building your CV.

How good are you at... 

Think carefully before answering these questions. Your MyFuture career ideas are based on these answers so try to be as clear as possible.

Managing people and projects 	 Unsure	 Some Skill	 Skillful	 Highly Skillful
Doing things in the right order 	 Unsure	 Some Skill	 Skillful	 Highly Skillful
Leading and motivating people 	 Unsure	 Some Skill	 Skillful	 Highly Skillful
Supporting people 	 Unsure	 Some Skill	 Skillful	 Highly Skillful
Paying attention to detail 	 Unsure	 Some Skill	 Skillful	 Highly Skillful

Focus mode 

ITC's completed FINISH LATER

YEAR 10

By Mr Neale, Head of Year 10

It has been a great start to Y10, with many students showing us excellent scholarly behaviours in and out of school. Since September they have been busy getting to grips with their GCSE subjects, which they are halfway through.

So many of our students have been taking part in extracurricular sport, this has included our fantastic Rugby and Basketball teams, who have done great this year. The girls have also impressed with their netball and hockey teams.

At the end of the Autumn term, Y10 took part in both the Christmas concert and we had a brilliant boys choir to wow the whole year group. There have also been many students who have started their Duke of Edinburgh Awards, having recently practised their cooking skills.

At the time of writing four students have reached their Gold Awards including, Ella Taylor, Harry Davies, Ella Maycock and Ryan Savage-Brooks.

Students have recently sat their mock exams for their GCSE Subjects, a real test of what it will be like in Y11. For help in supporting students, please see the exams newsletter available on the school website.

Looking ahead, students need to get their work experience arranged as soon as possible if not already done. I am very proud of our students' success so far and I hope this continues going forward. However, success isn't always about "greatness", it's about consistency. Consistent hard work gains success, greatness will come.



CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

A number of students have organised a local charity football match in support of SCARF, a parent-led charity based in the New Forest.

The event has been organised by Seth Woodcraft, Alex Brash and Noah Andrew, pictured above, and takes place on Monday 18th February at Fawcett Fields Stadium with a 2 pm kickoff. Entry is £2 and donations can also be made online at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CharityFootballmatchScarf>.

There is also an additional quiz evening for £2 which starts at 5.45pm with food being served at £3. The boys would love your support!

ATTENDANCE

In this competitive environment for the best jobs, we want to encourage students attendance for the best possible results. Therefore, we regularly reward students with 100% attendance. Recently, we were able to reward those students with a Dominos Pizza lunch.



81 students qualified for this lunch as they had 100% attendance in either the summer term of Y9 or the autumn term of Y10. A fantastic achievement.

We will again reward those with 100% attendance for the Spring term. However, we will also be able to reward those that have improved their attendance this year. If you want to discuss improving your child's attendance please contact in the first instance their tutor or alternatively e-mail c.neale@arnewood.hants.sch.uk to discuss Y10 attendance.

Attendance rate	% 5+ GCSE Grade 4 inc. En and Ma	% EBACC
100%	82	44
95% +	74	32
90 - 94.9%	57	16
85 - 89.9%	41	8
80 - 84.9%	29	4

A VISIT FROM SPAIN

25 students and their teachers from Vigo spent a week at Arnewood in January to participate in Y10 lessons.

During the week the Spanish students followed their hosts' timetable and took part in subjects such as maths, science and English.

Raquel Ron, one of the Y10 guides said, "Having Spanish students in school has been very beneficial, it is a great way to learn about a different culture."

"The Spanish students said they were very sad to leave because they enjoyed the experience of meeting new people, practising their English and experiencing a different type of education."



YEAR 11

By Mr Elward, Head of Year 11

It's been a very busy time of year for our current Y11s. Two weeks of mock exams culminated in the students participating in a trial result day in preparation for the big day in the summer. Students are currently assessing how well they did and are setting themselves goals and targets for their GCSEs.

Several Y11s auditioned and were successful in being given various roles in the school production of Queen's 'We Will Rock You'. Hannah Rand and Nicola Humphries played Galileo and Meat and put in three fantastic performances. Special mention to Sophie England who put in a lot of effort behind the scenes as choreographer and production assistant.

At the time of reading this, a few of our students are currently on the Third Reich Trip, visiting places such as Nuremberg and Auschwitz – we hope they get a lot from this experience.

Students are currently organising their prom which is being held at Elmers Court, Lymington on Wednesday 26th June and their yearbook, a high quality, hard backed book in colour which will be packed full of memories from over the past five years.



SURVEYING BOURNEMOUTH

68 students went to Bournemouth high street in January to complete part of their compulsory field trip requirement for their GCSE.

They were looking at how environmental quality and shop quality changed with distance from the square/centre of the high street. All students worked very hard on the trip and some even stepped out of their comfort zone by carrying out questionnaires on members of the public. That was a proud moment for us as teachers.

After lunch, students then continued their investigations along the high street. They all managed to get a wide range of data, which we then used to analyse back at school.

From the data, students could see how shop quality and environmental quality changed along the high street. In some cases, the difference was drastic.

SCIENCE LIVE

In January students had the fantastic opportunity to see and hear five of Britain's top scientist, all of whom are at the cutting edge of their specialism, at Science Live at the New Theatre in Oxford. The trip is hoped to enrich the students GCSE science course and support them with their forthcoming exams.

SIXTH FORM

By Mrs Reece, Deputy Head

It must be mentioned that The Arnewood Sixth Form is proud to be an 'outstanding' part of the school as officially recognised by Ofsted. It goes without saying that we are grateful to all our students, subject and support staff, who have helped us to reach this position. We are looking forward to developing our ideas even further and continuing to provide an outstanding curriculum and pastoral support for all our students that are in the sixth form, and who choose to join us in September.

The autumn term was busy with a team building day for our new Y12s. The sun was out and everyone enjoyed the challenge of a day at Hengistbury Head. Later in the term, we saw Y12 students participate in the Southern First Aid course, gaining the first aid at work certificate on completion. Y13 have just completed their UCAS applications and are beginning to receive offers from universities. We also had time to stop and celebrate the academic achievements of the past Y13's, who left us in the summer, with a lovely presentation evening where guest speaker Luke Sinnott inspired us all. We would love to hear news of how students are getting on wherever they might be.

The term came to a close with a reflective Christmas assembly, where we were able to remember those who are less fortunate than us. Students entertained us with a lipsync production, with extracts from the nativity, a collection of carols were beautifully sung and a fun inter-tutor quiz from Mrs Sheppard kept us all busy.

The spring term started with mock exams all round and to date, students are busy preparing their revision plans for the forthcoming examinations. We wish them all the very best!

Interviews for applicants from Y11 for September are now under way and we wish them all the best with their final preparation for their GCSE exams too.

In the last few days of January several of our sixth formers took leading roles in the school production 'we will rock you' which was absolutely fantastic and enjoyed by all. Many thanks to everyone that has supported the sixth form in so many different ways this academic year and good luck to all those students sitting external examinations in the summer.



UNI DOSH & MONEY TWIST

These were the titles of two amazing workshops that students got involved in during their 'Life Skills' lesson. These sessions were new for this year and enthusiastically led by Carl Clarke. Students were encouraged to consider their personal circumstances, visualise their university lifestyle, and get a 'reality check' regarding the financial situations they may face. At the end of the session, students said they felt more confident about money matters.



LIFE HACKS FOR LASTING RELATIONSHIPS

For the second year 'Life Hacks for lasting relationships' returned to The Arnewood Sixth Form, giving a unique opportunity for Y13's to engage in a dialogue with married couples.

Ten guests were welcomed from the Explore Trust, to allow students the opportunity to question a variety of married couples about their relationships. Students were encouraged to draw conclusions from these dialogues, as to the moral components and life skills that produce enduring and healthy relationships, family life, and marriage in today's society. An overwhelming number of students found the experience to be positive: "It gave me a new perspective on relationships." "I realised that all relationships are different and what works for some people doesn't always work for others." A Life Skills session not to be missed!



CAREERS FAIR



The annual Careers Fair has become an established event on the sixth form calendar and this year was no exception. We had a collection of stands from further education colleges and universities as well as local employers and

apprenticeship schemes. Students from Y11-14 were able to join in workshops, attend a series of talks, or meet representatives of potential future employers. These were excellent networking opportunities for students and gave them a chance to practise talking to people in a professional capacity. We hope this opportunity has helped our students to discover more about the different career paths open to them and to consider work experience options for the summer term.



GUILLAUME LACAZE SHARES HIS TRIP TO SWITZERLAND

In the summer of 2018, I went to Switzerland for a Lions Youth Exchange camp. I spent two weeks with host families across Switzerland, and two weeks in a camp doing various activities with 22 other students from all over the world.

The host families were very enthusiastic in taking me sight-seeing all across the country. I visited cities such as Bern, Zurich, Lausanne, and Geneva where I was able to get many amazing photos and visited some great landmarks. Across the two weeks with the families, they took me around to do various sporting activities such as hiking, mountain biking, and water skiing. I was also able to fully experience the Swiss culture through festivals and food!

Once the two weeks had passed, I was taken to the beautiful city of Interlaken, where I met the other students, also taking part in the camp. For these two weeks, we continued doing many different activities as a group, such as mountain karting, golf, rafting, kayaking, canoeing, and so much more. Throughout our time in the camp we were given freedom as to what we were able to do in the evenings, so we often went walking or shopping in the town.

I went to Switzerland alone and without knowing anyone, but this made the experience that much more enjoyable. I was able to meet new people and make new friends that I am still in contact with.

The whole concept of the Lions Youth Exchange Camp was amazing and has inspired me to take on more opportunities, I arrived in Zurich not knowing anyone, with little idea on what my next month would be like, and came back home having just had one of the greatest experiences of my life with love for the country and friends I will always keep contact with.

This is a great opportunity for all students and anyone interested should see Mrs Reece for more details. Guillaume is off to India this summer so we look forward to hearing more about his adventure and others travelling for the first time later in the year.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

James Eady, who left us in 2017, is an excellent example of an Arnewood student that has embraced the new degree apprenticeship programme on offer at universities.

After finishing his qualifications in level 3 diploma in IT and gaining an A level in Business Studies, James is now halfway through his degree at the University of Sunderland in Marine Management and Deck Officer training.

Currently, James is two months into another three-month sea phase. The picture above shows James at Devonport on the North Coast of Tasmania. His next step is Adelaide.

Mr Colman, Head of Sixth Form said, "This fully sponsored programme by BP Maritime Services has enabled James to have his studies paid for whilst completing his degree and by the sounds of it, he's having a wonderful time. Well done James, we are all very proud of what you have achieved."

Where could The Arnewood Sixth Form take you? If you're still undecided about your next steps why not speak to our Sixth Form team and start your journey with us this September. Application forms are on our website: arnewood.hants.sch.uk/sixth-form.

We would love to hear more stories of where past students are now. You can get in touch by emailing alumni@arnewood.hants.sch.uk.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Wednesday 13th March 2019 - Year 12 Parents University talk - Hall 6.00 pm
- Thursday 14th March 2019 - Life Skills
- Friday 5th April 2019 - Reward assembly
- Wednesday 24th April 2019 - Dorset UCAS Higher Education Fair at Bournemouth University



THE IT GIRLS

Y8 girls who have entered a national cyber security competition received expert advice from information technology giants IBM.

Twelve Y8 students are competing in a national competition called Cyber First to find the female cyber security experts of tomorrow. And to help them prepare for the tough challenge the girls were lucky to receive insight into the industry from two senior cyber security staff from IBM, Mark Bowers and Saritha Arunkumar.

The two experts explained the challenges that could face the students in the competition and gave them insight into cyber security as well as staying safe online.

Headteacher, Nigel Pressnell said, "We are incredibly grateful to Mark and Saritha for giving up their time and giving our students a valuable insight into the world of cyber security."

"Cyber security is a very fast growing industry and it's essential that all students, including female students, see the opportunities that are available to them. Competitions like this are a great way of encouraging young people into a world of work they might not have considered before."

The girls have been divided into three teams and have already completed the first round of the competition. This included challenges in cyber security, logic and coding, networking and cryptography.

Each question posed to the students was derived from skills used every day by cyber security professionals and all can be answered using techniques freely available on the internet.

Now the girls have to wait to hear if they have finished in the top ten of teams and the chance to compete in a face-to-face grand final in March.

The eventual winners will receive £1,000 for school computer equipment and individual prizes.

ARNEWOOD ROCKS



Talented students rocked the building's foundations when they entertained audiences with their version of a Queen-inspired musical.

From acting to singing and from playing musical instruments to backstage production, altogether 75 students brought this ambitious production of *We Will Rock You* to packed audiences.

Their take on the Ben Elton musical, which features the famous songs from Queen, was performed over three nights on January 30, 31 and February 1. With Thursday and Friday being sold out.

Ella Taylor, who played Khashoggi in the production said, "It was an incredible experience and the cast was so lovely and inclusive. An unforgettable experience."

We Will Rock You is set 300 years in the future and Earth has been renamed Planet Mall, controlled by the Globalsoft Corporation.

On Planet Mall mainstream commercial conformity reigns, in which Ga Ga Kids watch the same movies, listen to computer-generated music, wear the same clothes and hold the same thoughts and opinions. Musical instruments are forbidden, and rock music is unknown.

In the newest graduating class is Galileo, who has dreams and hears strange words in his head, most of which are lyrics of long lost song. Despite his teacher's advice, Galileo refuses to conform like the rest of his classmates. Galileo is imprisoned and meets a soul mate in 'goth' Scaramouche. Meanwhile, Planet Mall leader Killer Queen is out to destroy rebels called the Bohemians who believe in a prophecy that musical instruments will again return. Galileo and Scaramouche join up with the Bohemians in a quest to rock the planet once again.

Taking on the lead role of Galileo was Year 11's Hannah Rand, joined by Year 12's Elaine Munsayac who plays Scaramouche. Libby Harrison and Ella Taylor in Year 10 hit the stage as Britney Spears and Khashoggi. Nicola Humphrys from Year 11 as Meat. The anti-heroine of the production, Killer Queen, was performed by Emma Hardy in Year 12.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th February - 22nd February

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR
HALF TERM

25th February (Monday)

School re-opens 0820

27th February (Wednesday)

Y8 Options Evening

28th February (Thursday)

Y10-13 Drama to Nuffield Theatre

4th March (Monday)

Y9 Exams Commence

6th March (Wednesday)

School Council Meeting

8th March (Friday)

Y9 Exams End

Sixth Form ROAs home

13th March (Wednesday)

Y12 University Talk

14th March (Thursday)

Sixth Form Life Skills

19th March (Tuesday)

Y9 Meningitis Immunisations

27th March (Wednesday)

Y7 Parents' Evening

29th March (Friday)

Get into Teaching Open
Morning

2nd April (Tuesday)

Y8 Parents' Evening

3rd April (Wednesday)

School Council Meeting

4th April (Thursday)

Easter Concert

8th April (Monday)

New York Visit departs
returning 12th April

8th April - 22nd April

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR
EASTER HOLIDAYS

23rd April (Tuesday)

School re-opens 0820

26th April (Friday)

Y8 to Little Canada

29th April (Monday)

Y8 HPV Vaccinations
GCSE/A level Art Exams

6th May (Monday)

MAY DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

7th May (Tuesday)

School re-opens 0820

8th May (Wednesday)

Y10 Parents' Evening

27th May - 31st May

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR
HALF TERM