

Weekly News – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE:** It was good to see a number of our year 12s receiving awards for their dissertations at Birkbeck University on Tuesday. We are excited to share today's leavers assembly for year 13, to marvel at how quickly another 7 years have gone, and to have a trip down memory lane looking at their year 7 photos alongside today's! It is a genuine privilege to work with such amazing young people as they are such an antidote to today's uncertainties and they give real hope to what the future will be like.

Wishing you a restful and productive weekend.

**WEEKLY DIARY** - Please click [here](#) for the diary for the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> May.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS** After school and lunchtime clubs for next half term are available to book now on [SchoolCloud](#). For safeguarding reasons, it is important that students are signed up to the clubs on the system in advance; however, if your child is unable to attend a session you have booked, please cancel it to allow others to attend.

**GCSE and A-Level TIMETABLE** Please check the timetable [here](#) for all upcoming GCSE and A-level exams.

**YEARS 10 AND 12 MOCK EXAMS** As we approach year 10 and 12 mock exams, and continue to assess years 7-9 at AP2, we would like to remind you of where you can find useful information to support your child to prepare for this assessment point.

We have created content and revision guides, with dates of assessments here:

[HGSS Homework and Revision](#)

Details of exam boards for GCSE and A-Level examinations can be found here:

[HGSS Examinations Guidance](#)

For exams taken in the hall, please use the statements of entry for the most up to date dates and times as well as seat numbers. Your child's teacher may have also added additional revision support on Teams.

**YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING** 11<sup>th</sup> June 4.30-7pm, online. Parents can initially book 5 appointments from 6pm on 19<sup>th</sup> May, with any extra available appointments being released on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. Bookings will close on 8<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm and can be made on the [SchoolCloud](#) booking system.

**YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING** 4<sup>th</sup> June 4.30-7pm, online. Appointments can now be booked online on [SchoolCloud](#) – with initially 5 appointments per student, with any extra available appointments being released on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Bookings will close for bookings on 1<sup>st</sup> June at 6pm.

**YEAR 12 FUTURES DAY VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Year 12 Futures Day prepares students for life after 6<sup>th</sup> form. Sessions include UCAS and university mock interviews, mock interviews for a marketing executive role (15 mins followed by 5 mins feedback), employer speed networking (small groups of students interview volunteers from a variety of sectors for a few minutes at a time then move onto other tables to ask questions about other sectors of employment), This is followed by talks from alumni on university, apprenticeships, gap year and employment pathways.

There is also a gap year video shown and after lunch a LinkedIn session and preparation for students apply to Oxbridge and medical careers (early entry). We are seeking volunteers in a variety of sectors to conduct mock interviews and speed networking sessions on the day. 8.30am arrival for 9.10am start and a 12pm finish. If interested or if you have any questions please email Katie Matthews: [matthewsk@holmer.org.uk](mailto:matthewsk@holmer.org.uk).

We also need an Enterprise Advisor to work with Careers. The role is described here: [How do Enterprise Advisers add value? | CEC Corporate Web](#) and prospective applicants can contact Katie Matthews (address above) or Emma Lister at [emma.lister@bucksskillshub.org](mailto:emma.lister@bucksskillshub.org) for more information.

### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

The PA has been busy spending the money raised for the school, we have a new quiet space furniture in the LRC and a new table tennis table in the sports hall, along with lots of department requests including the following:

- Geography Field work equipment
- Wooden Bench
- Award Badges
- Kit for Robotics Club
- Picnic Benches
- Upgrading PA sound system in the main hall
- Maths Puzzle Challenge Day
- Colour felt for Art Textiles



Without your support we would not have been able to make these purchased. So thank you for getting involved with our PA fundraisers from buying raffle tickets, getting your Stickins labels or buying a drink at the bar at one of our events, every penny counts to make purchases for our school - THANK YOU!

### MUSIC ON THE COMMON

We also have a date for your diary: Music on the Common on July 18<sup>th</sup> where there will be music, events, a car show and our own choir performing. Please do come along and support!

