



25th November 2022

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

If your child is unwell at home and unable to attend school because of illness, then you must phone school to report the absence, before 9.00am. To do this simply phone 01335 343 685 and press 1 to speak to Student Services. Please ensure that you call on each day of the absence.


Today Year 11 finish their mock exams. We have been so impressed with their attitude and behaviour; staff and invigilators have all commented on this. The focus now is reviewing what worked and what didn't for their revision, and using the feedback to make further improvements.

The Creative Arts departments took a range of Year 12 and year 13 students to Manchester to visit the UCAS fair to gather information on courses at universities and conservatoires. Students were able to talk to specialists and students currently studying in their field regarding the vast choice of courses open to them. Focusing on courses in Art & Design, Film & Television, Digital Media, Fashion & Textiles, Dance, Drama, Musical Theatre, Music Performance, Technology and Composition and many many more which they did not realise were available. Students came away inspired and exhilarated at their future prospects.

WELL DONE to all the participants who received their Awards this week at our DofE Celebration Event. It was great to be able to invite parents and friends to the occasion, our first since 2019 and post-covid. Kellie Ross (Operation Officer for Derbyshire) and Ann Smith (Town Councillor and former Mayor of Ashbourne) both took the stage to praise our students' efforts and determination to complete such a prestigious award.

Enrolments for the DofE Award have now closed for this year and preparations are underway for the expeditions. A letter will be sent out in the coming days to confirm dates and costings – please keep an eye out for this.

All students enrolled this year should now have accessed their eDofE account.



The Race for Life event that took place at our Community Day in July raise a fantastic £2,796.70 for Cancer Research. Well done and thank you to everyone who took part.

The Music Department Christmas Concert will be taking place on Thursday 1st December at 7pm in the Main Hall. Tickets are available from our online box office www.gegs.link/tickets

U15's Girls 4th Round of National Cup.
The girls pulled off a 1

Tuesday morning from 8:20 Maths breakfast club
Wednesday after school coding/problem solving club
Darts club in room 566

We would be most appreciative if you could encourage your child to attend some of these clubs

As we head towards the Christmas holidays children will be asking for new games, but this can be confusing for parents. Internet Matters have put a guide together which will help you make decisions, including age-specific games in which families can play together. You can find the guide [here](#):