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News from the Principal

Many thanks to all parents and carers who attended the Year 10 Parents' Evening on Wednesday. It was great to see so many families in attendance and to receive some extremely positive feedback. A number of parents flagged up concerns about some inconsistencies around homework. This is something that we have previously tried to address. The senior team and I will continue to work with heads of departments in the coming weeks to improve the current position.

Booking is now open for the Year 7 Parents' Evening which will take place on Wednesday 2nd May at 4.30pm. We had the pleasure of hosting 'Our Community's Got Talent' on Monday evening with our guest judge from last year's X Factor, Holly Tandy. The event

was superb! Huge thanks to Miss Kaye, the Performance team and Mrs Tallant for all their hard work running the auditions and for organising the event. The finalists all gave incredible performances, representing Kexborough, Mapplewell and Wellgate Primary schools. Everyone delivered with confidence and composure and demonstrated bags of talent. Well done to our winner, Alfie, who gave an incredibly moving performance of Ed Sheeran's 'Perfect'. Our Year 10 football team have had a fantastic week. It was a superb achievement to reach the final of the South Yorkshire Schools Cup. Unfortunately, they lost narrowly 2-1 against Wickersley at Doncaster Rovers FC. Our goal was scored by Callum Brook. Despite the obvious disappointment of losing, the boys

should feel immensely proud of getting to the final - a major achievement as the competition involves all schools from South Yorkshire.

As you are probably aware, there will be some traffic disruption as a result of road closures for the Tour De Yorkshire that takes place on Wednesday 4th May. School will be open on this day and we are in the process of collating information from the bus companies on any services that will be affected. We will send this information out as early as possible next week.

Year 7 and 8 enjoyed a powerful drama performance this morning. The theme of the workshop was bullying. Learners' behaviour, in a very hot lecture theatre, was exemplary and I hope that they all have taken away the messages conveyed. Many thanks to Mr Gardner for organising this to take place.

Hopefully the warm weather will stay put for the next few days. I would like to wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Ms Kate Davies
Principal

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FRENCH AND SPANISH GCSE SPEAKING EXAMINATIONS

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GCSE FRENCH & SPANISH SPEAKING EXAMS

FRENCH - MON 30TH APRIL / TUES 1ST MAY

SPANISH - WEDS 3RD MAY / THURS 4TH MAY



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KEY DATES

2ND MAY 2018
Year 7 Parents' Evening

7TH MAY 2018
Bank Holiday

25TH MAY 2018
Break up for Springbank

4TH JUNE 2018
Return to School

27TH JUNE 2018
Year 11 Prom

IMMUNISATIONS

Consent forms are required to be returned to the Admin/Finance office as soon as possible for the Td/IPV & MenACWY vaccinations which will be taking place shortly for learners in Year 9. Should parents and carers wish to give verbal consent over the telephone, please contact the Immunisation Team on 01226 437729 or Karen on 07920504948. Learners will not be able to have their vaccination without parental consent.

SUPER SCIENCE LESSONS WITH MRS BRIGGS

Mrs Briggs has been extremely impressed this week with 10X4, who have worked really hard. Learners met her expectations and made great progress by completing two required science practicals which included making salt crystals. Year 9 also wowed her with creative chromatography, linking scientific knowledge with artistic skills.

CASTLETON TRIP FEEDBACK

We received some lovely comments this week from a sweet shop owner in Castleton, who called to inform us that our learners on the Geography field trip were well behaved and polite when in the shop. As a former teacher himself he wanted us to know he was "most impressed with them."

ENGLISH AND MATHS CONFERENCE LETTERS

We would like to remind Year 11 learners attending the English and Maths conferences at the Harrogate Convention Centre next week to return their permission letters on Monday 23rd April.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WK ENDING 13TH APRIL - 95.80%

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PARENTS' EVENING WEDNESDAY 2ND MAY 4.30PM - 7.30PM

Booking for teacher appointments
is OPEN!

<https://dartoncollege.parenteveningsystem.co.uk>



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KEXBOROUGH HISTORY EVENT

There will be a booklet launch about the history and heritage of Kexborough, running at Kexborough Methodist Church, Churchfield Lane on Saturday 28th April from 10.00am. Barnsley Poet, Ian McMillan, will be there to open the event. Copies of the booklet will be available free of charge. The launch will be a really fascinating experience. Drop in on the day to find out more about our local community.

