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24th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly this week - a question. Are you smarter than a 15 year-old? You can test your knowledge against our Year 10 students at Upper School in our Charity quiz on Thursday 30th March (7.30-10.30pm). Tickets are £10 per person, and teams can be up to 8 people. A two-course meal, with a menu created by our school 2022 Masterchef winners, is included in the ticket price. A bar will be available. More information and tickets are available here.

Thank you to those who attended the Year 11 Exams Success Evening on Thursday 23rd February. As well as hearing from Leaders of Learning for English, Maths and Science, we were treated to presentations on using past papers, flash cards and revision techniques. There were opportunities to find out about a huge range of online resources which will support exam preparation. I hope that parents, carers and students found the evening useful. If you attended, please would you take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire https://forms.gle/hrGvHpbXTyT35Jcx9. All resources from the evening can be found here.

Trips and visits have continued apace this week. The Art department organised a visit to the Tate Modern on Monday for all GCSE Art groups. Students were researching their coursework projects, examining a range of original artwork, and making drawings from these sources in the gallery.

GCSE History students visited 'the Doctor's Show' on Thursday, a revision conference for their thematic study of medicine in Britain from 1250 to the present day. They had an exam skill workshop and watched an interactive revision play, both reported to have been excellent entertainment and terrific learning.

Well done to our Sixth Form BTEC Business group, who set up and ran a Dodgeball tournament for Lower School students and raised £100 for the Greenaway Foundation.

The NEU (National Education Union) is planning a second day of industrial action on Thursday 2^{nd} March. Please see my separate letter with details about our current planning for this day.

Forthcoming events

- Tuesday 28th February/Wednesday 1st March BTEC Y12 and 13 Performing Arts Musical
- Wednesday 1st March National Apprenticeship Show (Years 11, 12 & 13)
- Saturday 4th March D of E Bronze Training Day
- Monday 6th Wednesday 8th March Year 11 Mock exams
- Thursday 9th March early closure (2.30pm) Year 8 Parents Evening









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Word of the week

palpable adj	readily or plainly seen, heard, perceived; capable of being touched
At the final whistle the sense of relief was palpable .	

Yours faithfully

Mr Lee Walker Headteacher

