

# STUDENT BRIEFING

## Week commencing 20 January 2020

### CHOICES

*God always gives his best to those who leave choice with him.” (Jim Elliot – American Clergyman)*

#### Important Dates

Wednesday 22 January      Year 9 Parents Evening School A

#### Forward Notice

Tuesday 28 January      Year 9 Parents Evening School B

### Musical Theatre

A reminder that this is on Wednesdays from 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. until February half term. We meet in the Music Room, Grace (Year 10) will be directing it this term. You will be working on ‘It’s a Hard Knock Life’ from *Annie*.

If you enjoy singing, acting, dancing or all three come along and have some fun! No previous experience required!

### College Singers – Thursday 3.10 p.m. - 4.10 p.m.

Rehearsals will be on until February half term.

### Choir A/B – Year 10 Choir – Boys Group – College Singers

All rehearsals are back to normal from Monday 20 January.

### Into the Woods

Could all principal characters attend a cast read through on Tuesday 21 January from 3.15 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. The rehearsal schedule will then be placed on the ‘Into The Woods’ noticeboard in the Performing Arts corridor for all cast members to check and ensure they attend the correct rehearsal at the right time.

### Year 10 Student Leaders

Year 10 Student Leaders are asked to come to S14 and S15 on Tuesday 21 during Citizenship to have a discussion about possible initiatives. This will be an additional meeting to allow you to discuss ideas as a group. Please see Mr Matyla either on Monday or Tuesday to pick up a form.

### Careers – Engineering Residential

In 2020, Oxford University – Department of Engineering Sciences are offering a free residential Engineering course for girls aged 14 – 16 running from 5 – 8 April. Deadline to apply is 31 January 2020. Please see following link to apply <https://www.eng.ox.ac.uk/uncover> Please notify Mrs Sanders if you do apply.

### **Performing Arts Competition**

Closing date for entries is Wednesday 22 February – do not delay, get your entries in as soon as possible.

### **Activities Day 27 February 2020**

Letters have been emailed home about the activities taking place on the 27 February. Please ensure that permission for visits offsite is given through ParentPay.

### **Important Immunisation changes for 2020**

The new schedule for this has been changed and will now be:

Girls and Boys in Year 9 DTP & MENACWY vaccination on Thursday 12 March 2020.

Girls and Boys - HPV vaccination 1st dose-HPV on Tuesday 16 June

All consent forms will be emailed home in February. There are no hard copies of these forms and all forms must be completed online before the immunisation date.

### **To all year groups**

We want to give you awards! We want to recognise your achievements! Look at the student leadership section of your planners and fill in all the leadership activities you have done so far this year. If you are not sure what you can include, ask your tutors and your teachers and they will give you guidance. We know that there is a lot of excellent leadership work going on in the school and we want to recognise what you do. Get your tutors and teachers to sign each entry you make in your planner, so that your name can be put forward for awards.

### **Student Haircuts**

Please can students remember when they are discussing hairstyles with their barber/hairdresser that extreme fashion haircuts are not permitted in College.

Hair should not be cut below a grade one on the back and sides. Shaved back and sides are not permitted and will result in a sanction for breaking the College's uniform rules and the loss of social time until the hair has grown back to an acceptable length. Lines, patterns or symbols are not permitted to be shaved into hair.

### **Practice Rooms**

A reminder that you are not allowed to eat or drink in the Music room or Practice Rooms. Please ensure that you switch the keyboards off when you have finished practising.

### **BEFORE SCHOOL:**

7.35 a.m.-8.15 a.m.

### **BREAK TIMES:**

10.35 a.m. - 10.45 a.m. – Session 1

10.45 a.m. - 10.55 a.m. – Session 2

### **Curriculum Support**

Please note that Curriculum Support will not be available at lunchtimes for the next two weeks for years 7, 8, 9, 10. Year 11 are welcome as usual. This is due to the mock exams. Please see Mrs Fraser if you have any concerns. The library is usually open so if you wish to go somewhere quiet after you have finished your lunch then please go there.

### **Pastoral Notices**

Can students please take care when removing their bikes from the bike sheds. If your bike becomes entangled or blocked in by another student's bike please ask a member of staff for assistance. Wrenching or pulling your bike forcibly free is very likely to result in damage to other bikes.

A reminder that students are not allowed past the barriers in the street during lunchtimes and must not enter/exit via the doors at the end of the street nor by the doors by the ILC (unless using the ILC). Food can only be consumed in the canteen or in the designated outside areas.

**The next briefing will be Friday 24 January 2020.**