

# STUDENT BRIEFING

## Week commencing 9 March 2020

### REPENTANCE

“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.” (Matthew 4:17)

#### Important Dates

**10 March 2020** - Year 10 Mass  
**12 March 2020** - Year 9 vaccinations  
**13 March 2020** - Lent Reconciliation

#### Forward Notice

**19 – 22 March 2020** - Year 10 Kintbury retreat  
**27 – 29 March 2020** - Year 11 PGL revision weekend  
**25 March 2020** - Year 10 parents’ evening population X  
**31 March 2020** - Year 10 parents’ evening population Y

#### Foodbank donations for Lent

During Lent, students and staff are invited to bring in food items that can be given to local families over Easter. In order to be able to provide a mix of items, it is suggested that each year group bring in items from the list below:

- Year 7 - tea, coffee, sugar, UHT milk, cartons of juice
- Year 8 - tinned food
- Year 9 - rice, pasta
- Year 10 - breakfast cereal
- Year 11 - toiletries: shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.

Please can students give their donations to their tutors. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to see Mrs Chivers in Pastoral.

#### Years 7, 8 and 9 Careers Week

A big thank you to years 7, 8 and 9 for your fantastic contributions to Careers Week. Not only was your participation in assembly superb, but your completion of the “In the future . . .” cards was excellent. We enjoyed reading about your hopes and ambitions for your future careers and lives. We will do our very best to help you reach those goals. Mrs Sanders.

#### Revision guide materials

For the attention of year 10 students: we are pleased to inform you that Oxford University Press will be coming in on both Year 10 parents’ evenings on 25 and 31 March 2020 this term. They will sell a range of different revision guide materials for specific subjects with up to 50% discount available. Please be aware that they are only permitted to accept payments by card and not cash. Thank you.

### Immunisation Reminder for Year 9 students - 12 March 2020

These are the times of the sessions for your immunisations. Your class teacher will bring you down to the Main Hall. You are welcome to bring a water bottle with you; but everything else, including your blazer, please leave in your classroom. If you have any queries, please contact Miss Mills in the Medical Office.

Group	Room	Time	Teacher
9MNP-AL	W03	9.35 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.	Mrs Buckenham
9MNP-LA1	S10	9.45 a.m. - 10.05 a.m.	Miss Hayes
9MNP-LA2	S12	10.05 a.m. - 10.15 a.m.	Mrs Carbone
9MNP-LA3	S13	10.15 a.m. - 10.35 a.m.	Miss Nimaga
9QR-LA1	S12	11.00 a.m.- 11.20 a.m.	Mrs Carbone
9QR-LA2	S11	11.20 a.m. - 12.00 noon	Miss Jefferies
9SEN	S03	12.00 noon - 12.20 p.m.	Mrs Harbron
9TU-PE1	GYA	12.20 p.m. - 12.35 p.m.	Miss Cullen
9TU-PE2	SHA	12.35 p.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Mr Iles
9KL-LA1	S13	1.00 p.m. - 1.30 p.m.	Miss Hayes
9KL-LA2	S11	1.30 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.	Miss Jefferies

### Year 10 Kintbury Trip: Meeting

Please could all Year 10 students attending the trip on 19 March 2020 attend a short meeting on Wednesday 11 March 2020 at break in G12.

### Into the Woods Chorus

If you would still like to be involved in the chorus for Into the Woods please come along to the next rehearsal on **Wednesday 11 March 2020**.

Also, can all cast members please check the rehearsal schedule to ensure they attend the correct rehearsals.

Thursday 5 March	Wolf & Little Red	Hello Little Girl	Blocking & Singing	3.15 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	DH & LP
Thursday 5 March	Jack	Giants In the Sky	Blocking & Singing	3.15 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	DH & LP
Monday 9 March	Cinderella	On the steps of the Palace	Singing	12.00 Noon – 12.30 p.m.	MC
Tuesday 10 March	Two Princes	Agony	Blocking & Singing	3.15 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	DH, MC & ZM
Wednesday 11 March	Full Cast	Prologue	Blocking & Singing	3.15 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	DH & LP
Thursday 12 March	Little Red	I know things now	Singing	3.15 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	MC
Tuesday 24 March	Rapunzel, Baker, Baker's wife, Cow, Jack, Mysterious Man, Narrator, Witch, Little Red & Granny	Pages 33-44	Blocking	3.15 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	DH, ZM & LP

Wednesday 25 March	Jack, Baker, Mysterious Man, Baker's Wife, Princes, Steward	Pages 55-59	Blocking	3.15 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	DH
Thursday 26 March	Cinderella, Baker's Wife, Milky White & Cinderella's Mother	A very nice Prince & Cinderella at the Grave	Blocking & Singing	3.15 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	DH, MC & LP
Tuesday 31 March	Whole Cast including Chorus	Run Start - 59	Run through	3.15 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	DH & LP

### Smoking Prevalence Workshop Tuesday, 17 March 2020

These workshops are part of your required learning in year 7 at secondary school. Please go to your classrooms prior to register with your teacher before the session.

8.35 a.m. - 9.35 a.m.	Hall	7K DHN Drama S08	7L LIN Geog G11	7P LNO R14
9.35 a.m.- 10.35 a.m.	Hall	7R SRD Maths S01	7S LNB Geog G14	7U Hist LNO R14
break				
11.00 a.m. - 12.00 Noon	Hall	7M DHN Drama S08	7N SBN Hist G13	
14.00 p.m. – 15.00 p.m.	Hall	7Q FBO Maths Y05	7T KGN Maths B12	

### Sponsored Reading: The Readathon

The Readathon is now over. It is now important for students to bring in any sponsor money they have collected, along with their **completed** sponsor cards. It is equally important that the sponsor cards are handed in with the money because the company to whom the donations are going – Read for Good – uses the cards to claim gift aid on the money we donate, increasing its value by 25%. Sponsor cards and money must be handed in to the library by 20 March 2020. If you have any questions, please see Miss Henry or Mrs Kennedy in the Library. Thank you.

### Year 11 Students – Apprenticeships

Nationwide has just notified us that they are recruiting for their Level 3 apprenticeship programmes that will start in September 2020. It is anticipated that there will be a lot of interest locally, so early applications are encouraged. The apprenticeship programmes are:

- Financial Crime Analyst
- Business Administration
- Finance
- Marketing
- Tech Degree

If you are interested, please see Mrs Sanders urgently for more details. The closing date is 20 March 2020.

### **The Great Book Debate**

Starting this term the Library will be running a 'Great Book Debate' for Year 8. In the course of the next four months, participants will have the chance to read the five books chosen for this year. There will be activities to keep it exciting between the start and the end. In July thirteen students who have read most or all of the books will have the opportunity to be invited to attend the Great Book Debate at The Commonweal School. Please see Miss Henry or Mrs Kennedy for more information or to sign up. The more the merrier!

### **School Orchestra**

We are looking for lots more members to join our small school orchestra. We don't play anything difficult and we warmly welcome players of all levels and year groups. We're not fussy about what instrument you play, but we are hoping for some more string, brass or woodwind players to bulk up our sound. Orchestra club now runs on a **Monday afternoon** from 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. If you play an instrument and are at this time, pop down to S05 to try it out!

Miss Henry, Mrs Webb and Mrs Cooke

### **Year 11 Leavers' Mass**

Please can tutor representatives meet with Mrs Barkham in the Chapel very briefly once they have registered on Monday morning.

### **GCSE Examinations**

For those students taking their GCSE examinations this year, OFQUAL have published guidance and videos for students to help them avoid making mistakes, which could lose them marks or lead to their disqualification from an exam.

This information can be found at the following web address <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/be-exam-smart#students>

### **PE Notices**

Year 7 Football training is CANCELLED on Tuesday 10 March 2020.

Year 7 Rugby training IS ON Tuesday 10 March 2020. All squad players need to be available.

Year 7 Rugby Tournament Thursday 12 March 2020 information: all players need to leave their last lesson at 2.30 p.m. (please politely ask your teachers). Students to arrive at the PE changing rooms no later than 2.35 p.m. Please bring full rugby kit, including studded footwear and gumshields, drinks and snacks, etc., and also overlayers / coats for when we are not playing. We travel to Wootton Bassett RFU via school minibus – the tournament starts at 3.30 p.m. We will return 5.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. approximately. Any questions please see Mr Cross.

**The next briefing will be Friday 13 March 2020.**