



# UPDATE

Issue 10

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012

## DIARY UPDATE

### **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	:	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	:	Yr 9 detimetable P 1-4 for Careers
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	:	Yr 10 English Romeo and Juliet Theatre Performances.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	:	Yr 8 detimetable all day for 'Healthy Choices'.
February 28 <sup>th</sup> – March 1 <sup>st</sup>	:	Reading Week
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	:	Y10 Exams
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	:	World Book Day
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	:	Y9 Parents Evening re. Option Choices for Y10 6 p.m.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	:	AS Theatre Studies Performances 6 p.m.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	:	AS Theatre Studies Performances 6 p.m.
	:	Y8 Parents Evening with Subject Teachers 2 – 7 p.m.
	:	Normal lessons finish at 1.10 p.m.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	:	Y11 Drama Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	:	Y8 Learn2gether (English and Maths).
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	:	Y11 Drama Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	:	Y10 detimetable all day (Your Life event).
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	:	Advanced notice – GCSE Drama Exam.

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING** **FOR PARENTS/CARERS AND STUDENTS** **THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2012** **6 – 8 P.M.** **IN THE MAIN HALL**



Just a reminder to all Year 9 parents/carers and students that the Year 9 Option Choice Evening is happening and we would love to see you all there. It is the beginning of an important decision-making process.

Teachers and students will be available to explain what courses are on offer.

We look forward to seeing you!

## YEAR 9 CAREERS MORNING

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February our Year 9 students will participate in a de-timetabled Careers morning. The aim of this event is to help students prepare for their forthcoming Option choices and raise their awareness of the career paths available to them. They will also explore how first impressions influence people's decisions.

## READING WEEK



This year's reading week theme is 'Myths and Legends' and will take place week commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012, starting with 'Drop everything and read' (DEAR).

Many students and school departments will take part in reading related activities throughout the school week. These includes an author visit which will link in with this year's theme, a reading relay and our usual Friday library competitions.

## PSD DETIMETABLED DAYS

As part of the college's ongoing provision for students' Personal and Social Development two year groups will be involved in separate de-timetabled events. Parents and carers of students involved in these events will receive a letter explaining the content of the day in more detail nearer the time. Below is a brief overview of both days:

**Y8 Healthy Choices and Safer Lives Day, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.** The students will take part in a circus of workshops all themed around personal health and safety. The workshops will range from Healthy Eating, Smoke free Zone and Smoothie Bike Experience, Healthy Bodies to Cyber Safety. Students will be with their tutors all day with expert inputs from specialised staff and older students.

**Y10 It's Your Life Day, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.** The students will take part in a variety of sessions that revolve around the themes of personal relationships, personal safety and wellbeing, teenage health issues, reviewing work experience and exploring future aspirations.

We look forward to two productive days which will offer students the opportunity to explore a wide range of important and relevant issues.

Carole Lawless  
PSD Subject Leader



## FUTURE EDITIONS OF UPDATE

In response to parental requests, our future intention is for **Update** to be available only in electronic form (via our website, and where you can also request a copy is emailed directly to you).

However, if you would still like a hard copy, we are happy to post this home to you. In this case, please contact the Head's P.A. at the college, Mrs Denton, on extension 2011.

Thank you.

## ATTENDANCE

If you wish to inform us about the absence of a student, please call 01293 866817. This has a twenty four hour answer phone available.

Please also remember to send in a note with your child when they return to the college. The note should cover the total length of absence.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Y S Maskatiya  
Headteacher

## PICTURES FROM 'SHOWCASE' event held on Tuesday 7 February.

A selection of pictures of this fantastic event can be seen below, and more on the website under Gallery, Events.

