



SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

- ❖ Tuesday 25th September – Mentor Day
- ❖ Tuesday 25th September – Yr 7 Meet the Tutor evening
- ❖ Tuesday 25th September – Parent Partnership Meeting 6.30pm
- ❖ Thursday 27th September – Gifted & Talented evening 6.30pm

Term Dates for Autumn Term 2007

Half Term – 22nd – 26th October
Non-Pupil Day – 23rd November
End of Term – 21st December

A Message from the Head...

We have had a very positive first week back. Teachers and student welfare officers all report good attitudes with students settling down to work. I think the weather is helping us but overall I am very pleased with the start of year. There is a real sense of purpose about the place.

One area that does require a 'tweak' though is uniform. I would ask that parents support us in maintaining standards, particularly in ensuring that youngsters do not wear 'hoodies' or other, non uniform, fleeces on the school site. If a child is cold they can wear a white tee shirt under their school shirt and/or a school sweatshirt/fleece. (Blue for KS3, blue or burgundy for KS4). Of course they may also wear a coat.....but please do not allow them to claim a hoodie as a coat!

Attendance

It would be appreciated if you could telephone the school if your child is or will be off school for any reason.

The extension number is 255 and a voice mail is in operation if there is no answer.

Many thanks in helping us to keep your child's records up to date.

Cross Country Race – Widecombe Fair

On Tuesday 11th September, 13 students took part in Widecombe Fair's Annual 1½ mile cross-country challenge.

The course unlike most routes was unmarked. The runners were escorted up the skyline on Dartmoor and shown the finish line below in Widecombe Valley. Their aim was to find the shortest and fastest route down.

Our 13 representatives were the only school competing against local residents mainly adults. Four of our talented athletes finished in the top 10, with the remaining athletes finishing closely behind.

Despite an interesting journey to the event, all our students showed pride in representing the school and dedication to their performance. We are delighted to accept their invitation back next year. Congratulations to all the runners and a big thank you to Mr Jenkins, Mrs Bruce & Mrs Soper for their support and organisation.

Athletes: Kian Rayment, Simon Cooper, Barry Pike, Brendon Parr, Lorna Callahan, Will Greatrex, Grace Bruce, Kyrin Wiggins, Lauren Wiggins, Harriet Greatrex, Jake Dascombe, Tom Harvey and Cody Lewendon.
P.E Department

Music Department Ensembles

- **Monday Superband 3.25pm RM71**
A collection of all players to form a music collective where playing is paramount.
- **Wednesday Rock Clinic 3.25pm RM72**
If you want to play rock and practise in your group or you want some help from more experienced performers then come along on Wednesday evening with your instruments.
- **Thursday Orchestra 1.25pm RM71**
- **Friday Singing Club 1.25pm Hall**

Mentor Day

Tuesday 25th September is Mentor Day for all students at the school. All parents will have received a letter detailing the arrangements. Year 11 students who usually attend Bickton College on a Tuesday, will still attend as normal. Mentor appointments for those students will be made at a later date.

Meet the Tutor Evening for All year 7 students

All year 7 parents will be receiving a copy of the letter inviting them to attend the above evening on Tuesday 25th September.

The purpose of the evening is for you to be able to meet your child’s form tutor and discuss how your child is settling into the school. The evening is not intended for discussion with individual teachers about your child’s progress in particular subjects. In fairness to your child, we feel it would be far too early to be able to make any accurate assessment of his/her progress and performance. However, we do feel that you may find it helpful to meet and talk with the form tutor at this stage. He/she will be able to give you a general picture of how your child is coping with the move from primary to high school as well as being able to reassure you about any concerns you may have.

To Cheryl
Happy
Birthday for
Saturday
From Philippa,
Melissa,
Danni, Jasmin
and Alice

HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS

Seatbelts

Students who travel to school by bus must use the seatbelt provided and remain in the same seat throughout the journey.

Leaving the Site

Only students in Years 10 and 11 are allowed to leave the site at lunchtimes with the permission of their parents. No students are allowed to leave the premises at breaktime. Morrisons Supermarket is out of bounds to all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 at all times.

Cycle Routes

Cyclists who live in Tiverton should use the cycle path which is parallel to Bolham Road and cross that road using the pelican crossing opposite the college. When they reach the school roundabout they should then cycle round the back of the Refectory on their way to the cycle shed.

Parent Partnership Reminder

There is a meeting on Tuesday 25th September at 6.30pm in the school hall. All parents are welcome.

PHOTOGRAPHS

We sometimes take photographs of our students for the school brochure, the Thursday Bulletin and for other news articles, to record a special event like the ‘Ten Tors’ Challenge for example. Occasionally pictures also appear in the Tiverton Gazette and Mid Devon Star. We would like to invite any parent/carer **who does NOT wish** his or her child to appear and be identified in a newspaper/school photograph to complete the reply slip below and return it to the school. If you have any concerns about the use of photographs of your child, please do contact us.

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Please return this slip to school as soon as possible or by 12th October 2007.

Child’s Name: Tutor Group:

I DO NOT GIVE my consent for photographs of my child to be used in school publications and in the press.

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:



