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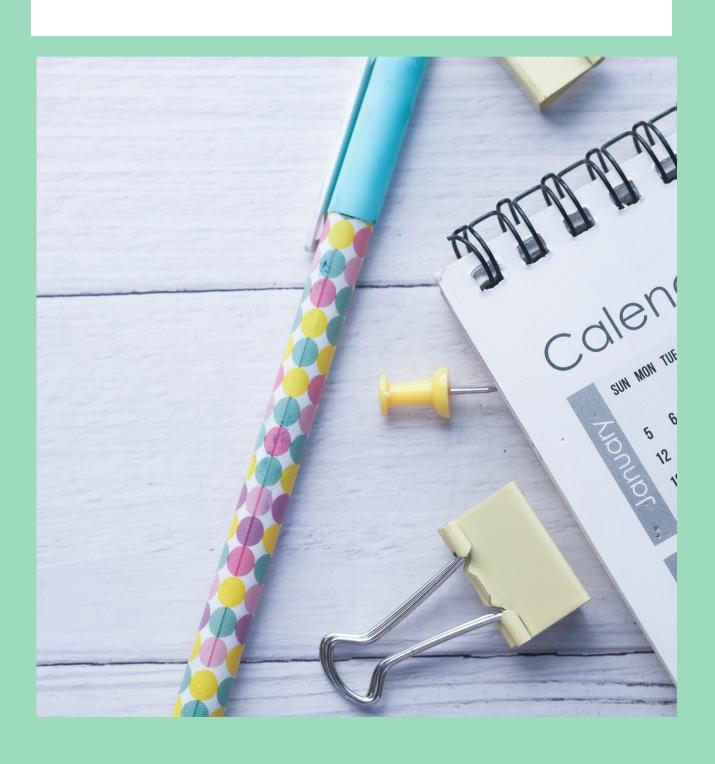
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UPCOMING DATES

A few dates to add to your calendar:

- Now! MTI2 scores are now available for viewing on the Parent Portal
- 20 to 31 January Year 11 Mock Exams
- Mid-term break 7-11 February
- 14 to 21 February Year 10 Mini Mock Exams



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We've had a brisk start to the year with outdoor exercise being permitted, After School Activities commencing and Year 12 students completing mock examinations. Things don't show any sign of slowing down as we gear up for Year 11 mock examinations. As ever, our priority is safety first as we seek to protect our school community. The health and wellbeing of our students and teachers is of utmost importance. To support our students' wellbeing, we've created Homework Timetables for all Year Groups to avoid students being overloaded with assignments. They can be found here (Years 7-9) and here (Years 10-12).

Our key areas of focus are:

- attendance
- pupil workload
- mock examinations

I hope you enjoy this newsletter!

Darren Goode, Assistant Principal- Pastoral Care



PE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

A brief summary of what's been happening in PE.







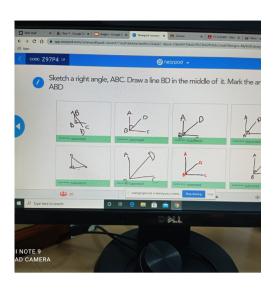
Year 7 and 8 girls both online and in school have started Track & Field. Students are individually preparing for events with lesson topics varying every week. They are building confidence by setting and achieving success criterias. The pupils are also very enthusiastic about collecting, organising and analysing their PE data for future Math lessons. Year 9 to 11 girls are developing skills and fitness in athletics. Upper secondary girls are learning to master movement routines. We are aiming at growing a culture in which being active is valued and admired. Online students have started a GET FIT - 4 weeks program where they can choose a one day work out or choose the 7 days challenge. The boys are happy to be back outdoors and learn different skills in football like passing, controlling and dribbling. All the lessons are conducted within MoPH guidelines. Beside football, the boys are doing fitness tests, push-ups, sit-ups, and the 30 metres dash. They were very competitive and enjoyed the challenge.

Mr. Rami, Head of Department for PE and Sports Coordinator

MATHS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



The latest member of the Maths dept. Mr. Ghavin Smith



Students learning angles during a Maths lesson

This year the Maths department have been working hard to get our students into the next level of successful blended learning. We were the first department to implement Maths help sessions after school to enhance and support further learning. The year 7-8 teachers have signed up all students for Manga-high and have weekly sessions put in place. **Near-pod** has helped to encourage engagement and participation of our year 7 students. **Kami**, a great piece of educational software has been used across the department to facilitate the process of submitting and grading students' work. It also has the added advantage of immediate feedback. The IGCSE teachers have successfully completed a **marking workshop** recently. The skills achieved will inevitably help our year 11 and 12 students. We are also glad to welcome Mr. Ghavin in the department to teach years 8 and 9. His teaching experience will definitely prove to be an asset to the department. Please continue to support the Maths department and your children. We are available to answer all questions and concerns, please contact the school office.

Ms. Jabeen, Head of Department for Maths

PARENT TIP

Managing The Challenges of Remote Learning

The pandemic has brought with it fresh challenges for both parents and students. Studying and working from home are now the norm and we've all had to adjust. One of the biggest challenges we have noticed is ensuring that students are present for all lessons and fully engaged. For parents this can be a huge challenge as it becomes difficult to monitor their children's online activity. Below are a few tips which could help to support your child's attendance and engagement during online learning.

- Ask them to leave other devices outside of the room where they are working. This includes phones, tablets and games consoles.
- Set rewards for your children. If they complete their assignments maybe they can watch their favourite movie or visit somewhere special on the weekend
- Regularly check the Parent Portal to see if your child is attending ALL lessons.
- Communicate directly with your child's teachers via email or telephone.
- Where possible, ensure one adult is at home during school hours to ensure they are logging in on time.
- Ask to see your child's Google Classroom stream and assignments to check what work they turned in or missing.

Useful Resources

Below are some links to resources to support parents of children who are learning online.

HTTPS://WWW.TEACHTHOUGHT.CO M/TECHNOLOGY/REMOTE-LEARNING-TIPS-FOR-PARENTS/

HTTPS://WWW.GOODHOUSEKEEPING
.COM/LIFE/PARENTING/A33608758/
VIRTUAL-LEARNING-TIPS-FORPARENTS/