

# Pastoral Newsletter

No2



## SAFEGUARDING

Welcome to the second pastoral newsletter this academic year. As we start the new year I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce Ms Monteiro as the new Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. She will continue to work alongside myself and Mr Keeley in supporting our pupils to feel safe, happy and supported in School.

We provide support, help and advice to our pupils and parents around safeguarding matters, to enable our students to thrive and achieve their potential at School. The safeguarding team will act as a link between the School, families, and any professionals working with them. Any matters discussed are treated with confidence and respect.

We work with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and Kensington and other external agencies in order to provide the best outcomes for our pupils and their families. We can signpost you in the direction of organisations, charities and agencies who can help if the School cannot.

### Safeguarding contacts:

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Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Pastoral  
Support Officer

## Spring Term Themed Weeks

We are looking forward to beginning an exciting term packed with a busy 'Themed Week' schedule. Each week a new theme offers our students the opportunity to broaden their horizons and challenge their thinking through topical discussion, assemblies and activities at lunchtime. We are also looking forward to welcoming a number of external speakers. The themes for the first week include:

Week	Theme
Week 1	Film, Stage and Literature Week
Week 2	Financial Wellbeing
Week 3	The world in which we live
Week 4	Wellbeing week

## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance last term was 92.1%

Well done Year 12 who had the best attendance last term, 94.9%.

46 pupils achieved 100% attendance last half term and were invited to enjoy some Krispy Kreme doughnuts as a treat to celebrate this.

Attendance letters were sent home for pupils whose attendance is below 90%.

Please inform the School at your earliest convenience if your child has a medical appointment. You may be asked to provide a proof of the appointment i.e. letter, appointment card, email or text message.

If your child is absent from School, please ensure that you contact the School before 8.25am on the

morning of each day of absence. If no contact is made by 8.45am, a text message will be sent to parents/carers asking them to contact the school and provide a reason for the absence.

Any absence should be reported via email [absent@morehousemail.org.uk](mailto:absent@morehousemail.org.uk) or 0207 235 2855.

Term time absence requests should be emailed directly to Ms Hagerty [fhagerty.head@morehousemail.org.uk](mailto:fhagerty.head@morehousemail.org.uk)

## PUNCTUALITY

Having good attendance also means being on time and not being late to school. Students who arrive late can feel embarrassed, left out and miss out on important introductions to lessons. Punctuality is an essential life skill that needs to be taught from the very beginning.

While punctuality will promote learning, arriving late to school can also be very disruptive for your child, the teacher, and the other students in the class.

Last term, we saw an increase in lateness and parents were notified and when necessary, punctuality contracts were issued to help improve punctuality.

### Late detention explained:

**Level 1:** 20 minutes on Friday after school (2 lates within the same week)

**Level 2:** 1 hour on Friday after school (3 lates within the same week)

**Level 3:** 2 hours detention on Saturday morning (3 Level 2 within a half term)

## MEDICINE IN SCHOOL

A reminder that in order for us to safely administer medication in school, we require a Parental Agreement to Administer Medication to be filled in and returned to the school with any medication to be given to your daughter.

You can request this form by emailing Ms Monteiro or the school office.

## PSHE

During the Spring Term in PSHE, Year 7 and Year 8 will be covering the topics within Living in the Wider World. Year 9 and KS4 will continue covering some of our Statutory RSE Topics. Below provides a complete list:

### Y7

- Why is politics important?
- Setting up a party and campaigning
- Big Debates and Exploring Parliament
- Careers and your Future
- Financial Education

### Y8

- Exploring Careers - What is my dream job?
- Criminal, laws and society
- How are laws made in society?
- LGBTQ+ Support and Where to Seek Help

### Y9

- Relationships and Partners
- What are STIs?
- Contraception Facts
- What is Sexual Harassment?
- HIV/ AIDS - discrimination & prejudice

### Y10

- Sexualisation of the Media
- Online Pornography
- Domestic Abuse and Domestic Violence
- Unhealthy Relationships
- Porn and Its Impact on Society

### Y11

- Love and Abuse
- Revisiting STI's
- Teenage Pregnancy Choices

Please contact Miss Williams or Miss Lewis if you wish to discuss withdrawing your daughter from sex education lessons.

## HEAD OF KEY STAGE 3

### (Years 7, 8 and 9)

Welcome back Key Stage 3. I hope you have had a good break.

This term we look forward to Year 9 Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 17th January** and Year 7 and 8 Parents' Evening on **Tuesday 6th February**.

GCSE Options choices are due on **Friday 2nd February**. Please continue to discuss these with your daughter.

We can all look forward to a Key Stage 3 Informal Concert (4.30pm) on **Tuesday 27th February** and the Easter Choral Concert (7.30pm) on **Wednesday 13th March**. The City Curriculum Day is on **Thursday 14th March** (more details to follow).

### Uniform Reminder

All girls in Key Stage 3 are expected to wear their blazer to school every day except for P.E or sports clubs. Please add a name label to your daughter's blazer if you have not already done so.

We would be grateful if parents could remind pupils of the following rules regarding jewellery.

- Only one small stud earring may be worn in the lobe of each ear.
- A necklace may only be worn if it holds a *small* religious icon. It should be tucked into the shirt. ***Infringements of these rules will result in the confiscation of the jewellery for half a term.***

## HEAD OF KEY STAGE 4

### (Years 10 and 11)

Welcome back and happy New Year.

This half term is an exciting time for Year 11 who began with their mocks in the first and second week back. We wish them the best of luck with these. Their results will be awarded to them on **Tuesday 23rd January**.

It is also a time to be thinking about A-Level choices. Year 11 can enjoy a Sixth Form Taster Day on **Monday 22nd January** where they get to spend the day in the Sixth Form dress code rather than uniform, making use of the common room, and trying out A-Level lessons. They will then have to make their final decision on A-Level choices by **Friday 2nd February**.

Year 11 also have their Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 24th January** which is an excellent opportunity to discuss options with your teachers after mock results and the Taster Day.

Year 10 Parents' Evening will be on **Thursday 22nd February**. We look forward to seeing you online for this. They will also have their City Curriculum Day on **Thursday 14th March** (more details will follow).

On **Wednesday 24th January** and **Wednesday 28th February** we have our Key Stage 4 Mass starting at **8.25am**, to which all parents are invited. We look forward to the Key Stage 4 and 5 Informal Concert on **Tuesday 27th February** and the Easter Choral Concert (7.30pm) on **Wednesday 13th March**.