

Westhill Academy



10th January 2018

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Staff & Pupil Information

S1-6 Assemblies

Please note a change (swap) to Assemblies later this week:

S4 now Thursday
S3 now Friday

[Mrs Reid]

Assemblies

S2 Wednesday 10th January
S4 Thursday 11th January
S3 Friday 12th January
S6 Monday 15th January

Please register then report to the Dining Hall.

Blue Planet

We shall be meeting next Monday (M9) one final time to watch some of the behind the scenes footage and discuss what impact modern lifestyles have on our environment and the ocean.

[Mr Burke]

Debating Society and Ethical Issues Discussion Group

The Debating Society and the Ethical Issues Discussion Group will meet at lunchtime on Tuesday 16th January in M9. Our first meeting will outline plans for both groups. The Debating Society will focus upon public speaking, structured arguments and persuasive speeches; the Ethical Issues Discussion Group will encourage you to think and talk about contentious issues in a friendly environment. Please come along for more information if you are interested in either group.

[Miss Kennedy]

Immunisation Consent Forms

Urgent - please make sure you return your Consent Form by the end of this week.

[School Nurse]

S2/S4 Photographs

Just a reminder that the Tempest photographer will be here on Wednesday 17th January - Periods 1 and 2. More info to follow.

[Mrs Craig]

Amsterdam Trip Meeting

There will be a meeting for all pupils going on the trip to Amsterdam during events week on Thursday 11th January at 12.30pm in room M17. Everyone must attend as important paperwork will be handed out.

[Mr Shepherd]

2 Opportunities for S5 and S6 Pupils

2 opportunities are offered by the Rotary Club for pupils in S5 and S6.

- **Adventures in Tourism.** The first opportunity is to spend a week on the west coast of Canada with students from Canada, USA, Australia and Scotland. The student will stay with a host family and engage in various activities with the overall theme of tourism. Students will visit resorts, wineries, first nations attractions, sports activities etc. There is a short hike during the week but is not overly strenuous, so students should be capable of walking on a trail for about an hour. Students should also be non-smokers and aged between 16 and 18 at the start of the course. The dates for this opportunity run from March 25th to March 30th with travel before and after these dates. All travel and living costs are paid for by the Rotary group. You would only have to take your own personal spending money. Members of the Rotary group will choose the successful candidate through interview. This is an excellent opportunity to travel and broaden your mind and previous successful candidates have found the trip worthwhile and enjoyable.
- **Rotary Youth Leadership Award.** The second opportunity is to attend a week-long Leadership course at a country house in Abernethy near Aviemore. There are separate courses for males and females aged between 15 and 17 at the start of the course. During the week you will be involved in group and individual tasks to help develop leadership skills, team working, communication, problem solving and decision making. Many of these tasks will take place outdoors. Tasks may include kayaking, rock climbing, trekking, horse riding etc. The travel and living costs are covered by the Rotary group so you just need a small amount of pocket money for your own use. The dates for this course are for females – 7th July to 14th July 2018 and for males – 14th to 21st July. Again, the Rotary group will select one male and one female after interview.

Both of these courses are fabulous opportunities to develop your skills and benefit from new experiences. They also are useful in improving your CV. If you are interested in either of these opportunities then please come along to a meeting with Mr King on **Friday January 12th at 12.30 in M1** for further information and to ask questions.

[Mr King]