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Staff & Pupil Information

Debate Club

The Debate Club will meet on **today at lunchtime** (starting at 12:10pm) in T4. If you are a keen debater (or want to become one) come along and join us. All year groups and staff are welcome.

[Dr Lechthaler]

GeoClub

GeoClub is on today in T3. All are welcome, we will be finishing of our work on the John Muir Award.

[Mrs McCallum & Mrs Burns]

Wider Achievement Wednesdays!

Let's Celebrate Success!

Every Wednesday during registration, we will be giving pupils the opportunity to share any external achievements and accomplishments with us – we would love to celebrate your success and award house points where we can! A selection of these will be displayed on the 'Wider Achievement Wednesday' Display board in school (outside Mrs Reid's Office). Some of your achievements will also be shared on our new school Twitter Wider Achievement page: @WA_WiderAchieve

Simply scan the QR code and fill in the form during registration. Thank you!

QR Code:



<https://forms.office.com/e/ASVBrHezKQ>

[Mrs Burns]

EcoClub – Wednesday, 3:30pm, G20

At the EcoClub, we look at ways to improve your local environment. If it's dry outside, we always try to find an outdoor activity (eg tree planting, tree maintenance, putting up bird boxes). If it's wet, we have many mini projects around the school (eg monitoring recycling levels, building shelters for various animals, letter writing campaigns). Come along and see what you can contribute.

[Mr Couper]

Higher English RUAE SQA Marker Masterclasses

In response to pupil feedback after the prelim, Mrs Kenneway will be running RUAE SQA masterclasses to ensure you know how to deal with this important part of the exam. The sessions are designed to teach you how to get the best marks you can for RUAE by approaching questions in a methodical way which helps to show the SQA your skills. They will all take place in M21. Please check the dates and only sign up to sessions you definitely intend to attend. If you are in Mrs Kenneway's class, you should not sign up as you have already heard this advice at least once! The QR code is also available on a poster next to M21.



[Mrs Kenneway]

Equally Safe at School project

Westhill Academy is taking part in the Equally Safe at School project. This project aims to improve gender equality, reduce gender-based violence and help pupils across the school to know what to do in certain situations. You will take part in a short survey, during PSE, at some point over the next few weeks. In preparation for this an email will be sent to your Glow account, which will be your survey login. Please DO NOT delete this email – we will use the link in classes when we complete the survey. The survey is both anonymous and optional – you do not have to take part if you do not want to.

[DHT]

Pupil Leadership Team

The Pupil Leadership Team will be having a meeting today. This involves all Junior House Captains, Senior House Captains and Prefects. The meeting will be in M1 at 12.05. Bring your lunch.

[Mr Castell]

Word of the Week

Vocabulary and knowledge about language is vital to every aspect of life and learning so each week, we will be sharing a word with the school community. You should try to use it lessons, in conversation and even in your written work if it seems appropriate.

Over the next few weeks, the words and information about them have been suggested by Mrs Kenneway's Higher class.

Inadvertent: without deliberate planning or thought, accidentally, carelessly

Used in a sentence: He inadvertently deleted the file, losing hours of work.

Etymology; from in - 'not' + Latin advertent- 'turning the mind to' (from the verb advertere).

English AH/Higher Folios

As these will be due in before Easter, there will be laptops available in M21 over lunch for S5/6 to work on their folios and dissertations.

This will run this week and through until Wednesday 20th March. Feel free to bring lunch but don't get crumbs on the laptops!

[Mrs Kenneway]

Easter Assemblies

Rev. Stella and her colleagues will be taking our Easter Assemblies throughout next week. These will be in Houses as below. Pupils should attend registration first and should be back in classes around 9.40am.

Monday 18th: Arnhall

Tuesday 19th: Brimmond

Wednesday 20th: Carnie

Thursday 21st: Denman

Friday 22nd: Echt

[Mrs Reid]