



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Forthcoming Events

End of Term	Friday 31 March (12.30pm)
INSET Day	Tuesday 18 April
Start of Term	Wednesday 19 April
May Day Holiday	Monday 1 May
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 4 May
Parent Forum	Thursday 4 May
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 11 May
Half Term	Monday 29 May-Friday 2 June



Childline launches new app

The first app to counsel young people via smartphone

'For Me' was created by children who have experienced issues in their own lives and have used the Childline number in the past. It is available to download so young people can easily access Childline's online services. It covers all subjects from bullying, abuse, relationships and school life. It's discreet, this means that if someone happens to see the young person's phone they can't tell it's a Childline service and a pin is needed to access it.

Next Week is: SILVER

How to use the internet safely: Top tips for parents and teens



By Kathryn Weston PhD

Arguably, it has never been so important to encourage good habits in our children and teens who are busy exploring the online world. This talk will help parents and teens understand:

- The critical importance of "digital hygiene"
- How to have conversations that keep young people safe
- Managing your own image and identity online
- What can go wrong and how to fix it
- How to use the internet to improve learning and boost your future career!

Date & Time: Wednesday 29 March 2017, 7.00pm—9.30pm

Location: Longdean School, Peascroft Road, Hemel Hempstead



This week has been British Science Week and to inspire our students we ran a number of activities for them. On Monday we had some external presenters in from 'Thinkers in Education' leading sessions with our Year 10 students on REDOX reactions. Students had to investigate a mysterious black powder that had come from the surface of

Mars. Once the experiment phase was complete they needed to use their scientific knowledge to answer questions. Throughout this activity students were competing for points, and I'm pleased to announce that the top points scorer in Year 10 was Josie Jackson. The top team and therefore overall winners for the day were Jack Glenn, Alex Buss, Ercon Karagoz, Alfie McEwan, Luke Davis and Josh Stevens.

On Tuesday we had Karine Rizzoti join us at Astley Cooper School to talk to our joint A-level Biology students on her research into stem cells involved in the formation of the pituitary gland. She was extremely engaging and was able to answer a number of questions posed to her by our students. Her talk will definitely help our students as they start to revise for their final examinations.

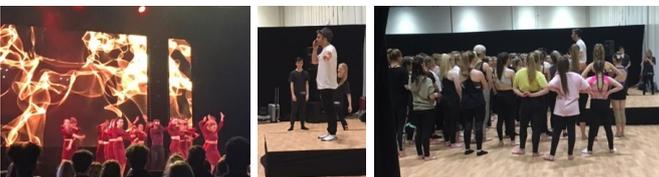
And finally, on Wednesday we took 30 budding Year 8 scientists to the Big Bang fair in Birmingham. It is the largest science fair in the UK with over 150 activities for the students to engage in. It was fabulous walking around the NEC and seeing all the STEM subjects come alive for our students as they made the most of this fantastic opportunity. On the way home the coach was buzzing and I'm hoping that next year we won't just attend the fair but also present some of our own projects too!

Mr Toovey (Head of Science)



On Friday 10 March GCSE Dance students from Years 9 - 11 visited the Move It 2017 Dance & Performing Arts exhibition. Students took part in various Dance workshops with professional choreographers, and learnt Dance routines

in the styles of Street, Hip-Hop, Contemporary and Jazz. It was a brilliant day with lots of dance merchandise stalls to visit, as well as the opportunity to discuss career options with Performing Arts Colleges, and watch the main stage and freestyle stage performers. Students also had the opportunity to meet professional dancer and choreographer Kimberly Wyatt and take part in workshops with the inspiring artists Lukas McFarlane, Matthew Lambden and Ryan Jenkins. Thank you to all students who attended the trip, and to Miss Treadwell for coming with us. We had a brilliant day and we are really looking forward to next year!



The Food Technology Department...

...would be grateful for any donations of bottles like these...

Thank you!



Due to year-end please be aware that WisePay will be closed from **28 March 2017** and will re-open on **3 April 2017**.

Exam Support Evening

Wednesday 22 March, 7.00pm
in the Lecture Theatre



Dr Van der Spoel will be providing support and strategies to support students through the exam period. All parents are welcome. If you have any further questions, please speak to Miss Walker on 01442 406020.