

Year 8 Parent Notes

This week students had an assembly on the importance of homework and why teachers insist on setting it. Sometimes students don't see the value in completing homework and so during assembly we spoke about a number of reasons why homework is beneficial:

1. Homework teaches time management and how to meet deadlines
2. Homework teaches how to prioritise and plan
3. Homework teaches students to work independently
4. Homework allows students to develop/deepen/revise their understanding of school work

We will continue to focus on homework until all students are completing on homework. The numbers of missed homeworks fell last week but it is important that this downward trend continues.

Students who are accumulating a high number of behaviour points for homework will be invited in to **SHOW**time and/or mentored to find out the barriers to completing homework. Students in assembly were reminded that they can voluntarily attend **SHOW**time on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in F26. If they do attend voluntarily then they will receive achievement points and also may enjoy a hot chocolate and marshmallows!

Students were also informed of a whole school event happening on Friday 9 February 2018: Rule the School! This is the fourth time we are running the event where students from Years 10 -13 have the opportunity to be staff and run the school for the day. Even Mrs Euridge's place as Headteacher will be taken by a student for the day.

KS3 students have been asked to contribute by discussing the day in tutor time and thinking of characteristics which makes a good teacher which will help the interview process of those KS4 and KS5 students who apply.

Please be aware that some sporting clubs may be affected or cancelled for two weeks beginning on Monday 20 November with Year 11 Winter Exams taking place in the halls.

On a final note, as a school this week, we paid our respects to those who gave their lives in the armed forces in conflicts over recent times. There was a special remembrance service that took place during tutor time on Friday led by Mrs Euridge and representatives from each tutor group were present. The Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy gave fitting readings and The Last Post was played by a student. Every tutor group also paid their respects by carrying out two minutes silence at 11.00am to commemorate those lives lost in wars.

Thank you for your continued support.

We hope you have a good weekend.

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