

Year 10 Parent Notes

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everybody who attended the Parent Information Evening last Thursday. We are aware that during this evening a lot of important information was shared in a very short amount of time, so the PowerPoint that was used for this evening can be found on the school website for your perusal, the link for this is below:

http://www.oxtedschool.org/uploads/lettershome/Year_10_PIE_2017.pdf

Whether or not you were able to attend the evening it would be very worthwhile reading over the information so that you are aware of what is coming up for your son/daughter over the course of this year.

The main theme of the evening was the way that the teachers and tutors are working with you to form the foundation for your son/daughter to succeed during their time at Oxted, and a bit of information about the three core subjects and ways you can help support your child's studies in these subjects. It is also worth constantly explaining at home that it is a marathon and not a sprint, and slow and steady hard work is going to be more beneficial to them arriving at their exams in the best physical and mental state that they can.

I would also like to congratulate every Year 10 student who completed the sponsored walk this week. It was a very enjoyable event and hopefully they have raised some money for their efforts. Upon completion of the walk we urge students to begin seeking their sponsorship money from those that they have listed on their sponsorship form and that any money raised, along with the form, is handed in no later than Monday 30 October 2017.

Also this week Year 10 had a PSHE session on healthy eating. During this session some of the areas that were discussed included things such as what makes a healthy diet and what are the benefits to ensuring they are eating healthy food? Hopefully this proved an insightful session for them and they adopt some of the ideas that their tutors may have shared with them.

I would like to remind you that next Thursday 5 October is timetabled as a half day to ensure we have time to prepare for our Open Evening taking place from 6pm. The evening relies on our students selling their experiences of the school, and so your son/daughter may have been asked to volunteer to either be a tour guide on the evening for prospective students and parents or alternatively they may be helping within a Faculty or Department to promote a subject they enjoy. The enthusiasm of the students is a vital aspect of our school and we thank all those students who are willing to help out.

It is great to hear about the Year 10 students taking time out of their work to take part in so many clubs and activities. In many cases this may be the first opportunity your son/daughter has had to take part in a brand new club or activity being run this year.

In order to help promote the wonderful activities we offer, each week in the bulletin we will highlight one of these clubs/activities, and in some cases this is just repeated information from last year.

The Club/Activity of the Week this week is Badminton Club which takes place every Wednesday lunchtime in the Sports Hall with Mr Stodart and Mr Hilton.

1. What is involved?

Badminton club is a lunchtime activity where students can come and play badminton against other students. It is also an opportunity for students to develop their skills in this sport. There are numerous different types of games that take place usually involving a winning individual or pair remaining on court until they are defeated.

2. Who is welcome?

Any students are welcome.

3. When do you meet?

Every Wednesday lunchtime in the Sports Hall as long as it is not being used for Exams.

4. Additional Information

Students do not need to bring their PE kit to take part in badminton club but they do need to bring trainers to play in as they are not allowed to play whilst they are wearing their school shoes or in socks. Everything else is provided by the PE department.

Finally a reminder that Friday 6 October is a school INSET day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a good week.

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