

Lliswerry News

Easter Edition 2018



Dear Lliswerry Parents, Carers and Learners,

Once again the term has flown by and many events and activities have taken place alongside the normal day to day business of teaching and learning. Our Year 11 Pathways Evening took place, where advice and guidance was shared with parents and learners regarding options beyond Year 11 and into the Sixth Form. Year 11 learners and parents also had an evening event focusing on support and guidance for their forthcoming examinations with individualised

feedback from senior members of staff. These events were a great success and provided a very positive lead in to the hugely important summer months ahead.

Our November GCSE examination results brought some excellent news, with 56% of Year 11 learners achieving A* to C in English and 37% achieving A* to C in mathematics. All learners still get another chance to sit these exams again in the summer of course, so the promise of even better results lies ahead.

The very important process of Year 9 options has taken place, with learners selecting what courses they would like to study in Year 10, alongside core subjects. This followed a programme of information sharing to help learners and parents understand the different courses on offer and where they might lead to in the future. Based on the choices made by learners, Mr Thomas is now working very hard to create a timetable for next year that meets the needs of every one as closely as possible.

We've continued with our Year 7 Birthday Breakfasts every month, with senior staff meeting with all learners who had their birthday in that month. A free drink, bacon roll and toast provides a great birthday treat start to the day!

This month our school hosted the launch of the Careers Wales Infographics Project, giving Key Stage 4 learners vital information about the world of work in our local area and projected employment growth areas, to help them plan their future career paths. This event was attended by Mrs Sarah Morgan, the Chief Education Officer for Newport and also Councillor Debbie Wilcox, the Leader of Newport City Council. The TV cameras have also been in school, but more of that further on in this newsletter!

Our charity fundraising has continued unabated, with Sport Relief events currently taking place in school. We have staff and 6th Form learners rowing for charity, Year 7 to 11 learners running at least a mile around the school grounds and a basketball shooting competition taking place. Only this afternoon I watched learners taking penalties with great accuracy against a brave, cat-like, but ultimately defeated Mr Grimes in goals! Well done to all concerned.



Our cluster joint working has continued to go from strength to strength, with many different activities taking place involving Lliswerry High School, Maindee, St Andrews, Lliswerry and Somerton Primary schools. We also held a joint Governors teaching and learning evening, where Governors from all five schools met in our school hall to see presentations on the fabulous collaboration taking place to improve the quality of teaching and learning in all cluster schools and to ensure a smooth transition from primary to secondary school.

There are so many things that have taken place this term that I'm only able to give an overview of a few here, but many more are highlighted inside. Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continuing support and to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Neil Davies - Headteacher

Welsh National Tests

All students in Years 7-9 will be sitting the compulsory National Literacy and Numeracy Tests between Thursday 26th April and Wednesday 9th May 2018. We have included a timetable for your information.

	8.45 - 10.00 (P1)	11.20 - 12.05 (P3)	2.00 - 2.40 (Pd5)
Thursday 26th April		Year 8 Numeracy Reasoning	Year 9 Numeracy Procedural
Friday 27th April	Year 9 Reading Test	Year 7 Numeracy Reasoning	Year 8 Numeracy Procedural
Monday 30th April	Year 8 Reading Test	Year 9 Numeracy Reasoning	Year 7 Numeracy Procedural
Wednesday 2nd May	Year 7 Reading Test		

These tests are part of the Welsh Government National Literacy and Numeracy Framework (LNF) which has been developed to help the children of Wales to develop excellent literacy and numeracy skills during their time at school. Please note that these are national tests and that all students across Wales will be sitting the appropriate test for their Year Group.

The Literacy and Numeracy Test are National, compulsory tests and we would appreciate your support to ensure that your child attends school for these assessments.

For further information regarding the Literacy and Numeracy Framework, please visit

<http://learning.wales.gov.uk/resources/nlnf/>



Holocaust Memorial Service



'The Pen is mightier than the sword' (Edward Bulwar Lytton 1839) this well-known adage refers to the power words have not just to educate people or advocate for them but also to misinform. Words can be more powerful than violence. But at the same time words also have the power to inspire perfect love or intense hatred. Great orators can turn a crowd into a frenzied mob. Great speakers can inspire millions of followers. Words can be used constructively or destructively – words are a powerful force.



Prior to World War 2 powerful anti-Semitic speeches were being made by mainly German statesmen and politicians. Hitler himself was a charismatic speaker and the Nazi party put together a nationwide propaganda scheme using slogans such as 'Make Germany Great' to inspire hatred against Jews and other communities who were regarded by the Nazis as being the reason that Germany was in a state of Depression. Using the media and organised mass rallies Hitler's oratories caught the ears of the ordinary people and wealthy people and industrials. Women were told to 'Think of Their Children' in one poster campaign. The Nazi Party used the power of words and justified the atrocities and illegal treatment they dealt to non-Aryan communities, because the words they used put the blame of everything that was wrong in their lives firmly at those communities' doors.

But words are also a powerful tool to impart knowledge of our respected histories. It is through words that we have learnt of the horrors and atrocities of the Holocaust and other genocides.

In the right hands words can inspire and counteract against falseness, lies and slander. However, words can also be used to hurt people or to falsely accuse them of things they have not done.



Words are emotive and a powerful tool for good or evil. Perhaps it is worth thinking about the effect our words will have on others before we speak. Perhaps it is worth ensuring that there is truth in what we are saying before we say it. More importantly perhaps it is time that more of us used the power of words to protest injustices that are as rife now as they ever were.

By Andree Morgan Andrews @HMD_UK #ThePowerOfWords

We are proud of OUR words to be displayed at the Welsh Assembly: WE'RE STILL HERE! We have a voice, character, opinions, skills, values, vision, relationships, beliefs, self - esteem...most importantly we have a future.

Coleg Y Cymoedd

Diploma in Foundation Studies Art and Design Presentation

On Friday January 12th, Jeremy Spencer, a lecturer from Coleg Y Cymoedd, visited Lliswerry High school Art Department and presented to Year 12 and 13 Art and Design students. Jeremy informed students of the benefits of applying for a Foundation Art course prior to University for Art based careers. Students were shown work from previous students on the Foundation course and were given the opportunity to question Jeremy about the course and application procedures. Year 12 and 13 students found it a very interesting and informative experience and many have now confirmed that they will be applying for the course.

Coleg y Cymoedd is a further education college located at five main campuses across Rhondda Cynon Taf and Caerphilly.



The Foundation Diploma in Art & Design is one of the strongest, most distinctive, and successful programmes in the country. The core values are: to be professional, inspiring, responsive, and creative. Students develop skills and portfolios required to undertake degree programmes in art and design. The creative projects studied allow students to experience a range of materials, processes, creative ideas and technologies. This enables them to successfully identify and explore degree choices.



Stranger Sagas competition

This year, students of all ages have been using their creativity and imagination to enter UK-wide writing competitions, from dystopian fiction to poems inspired by Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. The quality of writing has been excellent and students have been very enthusiastic about competing for prizes and the opportunity to have their writing published. We are looking forward to seeing their entries for Chris Evans' 500 Words and The Poetry Games competitions this term. Here are three of the 'mini-sagas' that students have entered for the Stranger Sagas competition. We'll find out the winners later in the year - good luck to everyone who entered!

The Lost Spirit - Robert Baxter-Tolcher 7CM

The floor creaked with every little step. Then a cold breath trickled down my spine. The dark force approached me; my heart missed a beat. I looked back. All that was there was a mysterious figure. Sweat poured from my head. Petrified I ran out. In this cabin, it's said, centuries ago, in a place unknown, lived an ancient man with eyes of stone, nerves of steel and a heart as cold as ice. The man was greedy. He desired more than he deserved. Legend says this abhorrent man lies in wait for his next victim. He is still waiting...

Meaningless Tattoos - Hassan Ahmed 8CHP

At birth everyone's tattooed with their date of death. Mine's dated yesterday... It has been 5 days since the day I cheated death. I've been changing my death day ever since. I did it then because I wanted to live longer and experience more of life. But now I do it to earn money by tattooing. Death dates don't determine one's death; here, the doctors do. Regular check-ups on death dates are common, as they give hopes of survival. False. Snapping out of my trance, I began marking the baby's skin. Smiling, I thought, "this one's going to die early."

Space Station - Morgan Ali 6GLT

We watched from the space station as Earth exploded. Billions of souls had been extinguished in mere moments. The monumental resulting shockwave hurled the station out of orbit, helplessly, into the cold emptiness of space. The crew in its entirety were thrown effortlessly from their quarters. Our meagre artificial gravity systems were their only lifeline from the condemnation of drifting away into oblivion as the hull was torn apart. Once the turbulence had finally come to an end, we rose to our feet. Colossal remnants of our blue planet sailed past the tattered shell surrounding us. Everything we knew. Gone.

School Shop



Liswerry school stationery shop.

Open between 1:30 and 1:50pm in B13 meeting room.

The school shop stocks everything you need for school at very reasonable prices!



The Greenpower Challenge

The Design and Technology team are delighted to announce that we have received substantial sponsorship from Siemens PLC to participate in the Greenpower Challenge, organised by the Greenpower Education Trust, which is a UK based charity that gets young people enthusiastic about science and engineering by challenging them to design, build and race an electric car.

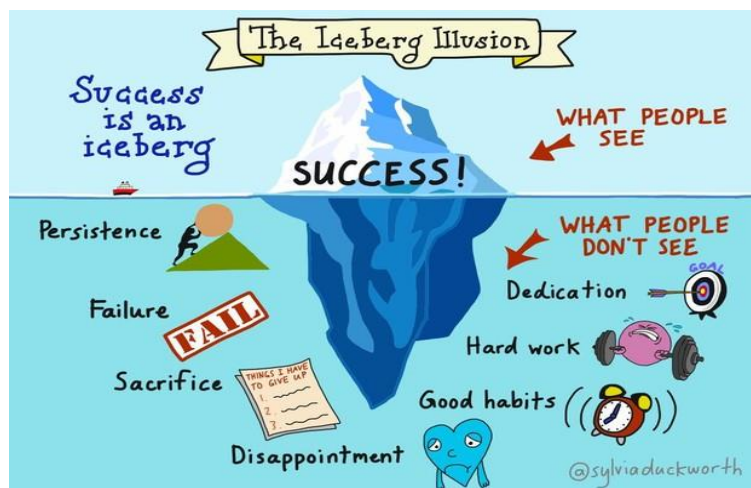


This is a wonderful opportunity for Liswerry High School pupils and a great resource for our school. Receiving the sponsorship from Siemens means that we can take part in the Greenpower Challenge and give a 15 of our pupils from Years 7 to 9 some real-life experience of engineering. It will be a really exciting project with a practical outcome and we can't wait to get started."

If you would like to get involved, please speak to any member of the Technology team. There are limited places, so tell us soon, if you are interested to take part in this exciting project. We are grateful to Siemens PLC for this opportunity and we will keep you informed of our progress in forthcoming school newsletters.



KS4 Support Sessions



Monday Lunch	Tuesday Lunch	Wednesday Lunch	Thursday Lunch	Friday Lunch
Art - RHM, KK Biology - CHP Drama - SJW Food & Nutrition - AB Sport (Badminton) - AC Welsh Bac - KK Photography - PA Textiles - GMK Child Development - GMK	Art - RHM, KK Biology - CHP Drama - SJW Food & Nutrition - AB ICT - HL RS - JC Welsh Bac - KK Photography - PA Maths - DJ Textiles - GMK Child Development - GMK	Art - RHM, KK Biology - CHP Drama - SJW Food & Nutrition - AB Welsh - NP RS - JC Welsh Bac - KK Health & Social - EP Photography - PA Textiles - GMK Child Development - GMK	Art - RHM, KK Biology - CHP Drama - SJW Food & Nutrition - AB ICT - DS Welsh Bac - DH RS - JC Welsh Bac - KK Photography - PA Textiles - GMK Child Development - GMK	Art - RHM, KK Drama - SJW Food & Nutrition - AB Sport (Badminton) - AC Welsh Bac - KK Photography - PA Textiles - GMK Child Development - GMK
Monday School	Tuesday School	Wednesday School	Thursday School	Friday After School
After	After	After	After	
		Sport - JAC Maths - RD Maths - DLM ICT - HL	Science - RT, GD, DAT, CB, ICT - DS	



“BLOWN AWAY!!!”

These were the words used taken from the Argus a few weeks ago to describe our recent school production of “Hairspray”. Councillor Alan Morris attended the Friday night performance and wrote a very



complimentary letter to the paper describing the production as ‘absolutely magnificent’ and ‘at times it was difficult to believe that this was an amateur production, being performed by school kids’.

He went on to say that the show was ‘a joy to behold from beginning to end and worth every penny of the ticket price. If the same cast and show was projected on to a more commercial venue they could have asked ten times the ticket price without complaint from the audience’.

The Performing Arts team would like to say a huge thank you to all the cast, crew and teachers involved in pulling together and creating another memorable Lliswerry production. In particular a big shout out to Molly Dare and Hannah Ford for choreographing all the dances for the show and Mr Nagy for making some fantastic props.

BBC Programme

The BBC has chosen the school to use as a film location for the TV programme ‘The Big Questions’.

A number of our 6th form Performing Arts and Media learners will be involved in a two day event where they will get to see the studio being set up and how the cameras work, they will even get to have a play on the cameras as well. The pupils will also learn all about the editing side of producing a show and plus may even take part in the big debate.

Year 11 Prom

Friday 22 June 2018 is the date of the Year 11 Prom at the Coldra Court Hotel, Newport.

We have held this event for the last few years and it has always been very successful and much enjoyed by learners as a way to celebrate the end of the examinations.

There are a few spaces available please see Mr Marshall for further details.



Year 9 Ford Engine Plant Bridgend



In February a group of Year 8 and 9 girls were invited to the Ford Engine Plant in Bridgend to learn about ICT and engineering. They spent the morning learning to use Microbits and Scratch programming to program a remote control robot. After programming and testing the girls competed with their robots in a 'Robot Wars' style competition.

In the afternoon the girls were taken on a walking tour of the factory. Before going on the tour they had to put on safety boots and hi-vis jackets. They were shown how robots are used on the assembly lines for modern engines, and were allowed to interact with advanced robots that can sense what people are doing and can work safely with them. After the tour the girls had a chance to use the computer aided design system and 3D printer the engineers use to design engine parts and new tools.

Images to go alongside the article in the following folder. We weren't allowed to take any pictures on the factory floor, unfortunately. But you might want to use one image of them programming the robots, one of them competing with the robots, and another of them in the safety boots and yellow jackets ready for the tour.

Fixed Penalty Notices

Following the announcement of Fixed Penalty Notices the Lliswerry Cluster Schools are now issuing these Notices in cases where there are 10 sessions of absence (1 session = half a day) in a term. This is in support of our drive to improve attendance in all our schools across the cluster.



TECHNIQUEST LIGHTS, CAMERA, (RE)ACTION....

YEAR 7 CHEMISTRY WORKSHOP

On the first day back after February half term Techniquiest, the Science Centre based in Cardiff Bay came into school to deliver a Chemistry workshop to all of our Year 7 learners.

Have you ever wondered how movie studios create special effects and what Science has got to do with them?

This interactive workshop was designed to show our learners how all the special effects we all gasp at when watching the latest movies are created!

Hands on activities included finding out:



How acids and bases are used to create saliva?

How candles are extinguished apparently by magic?

How creepy slime trails are created?

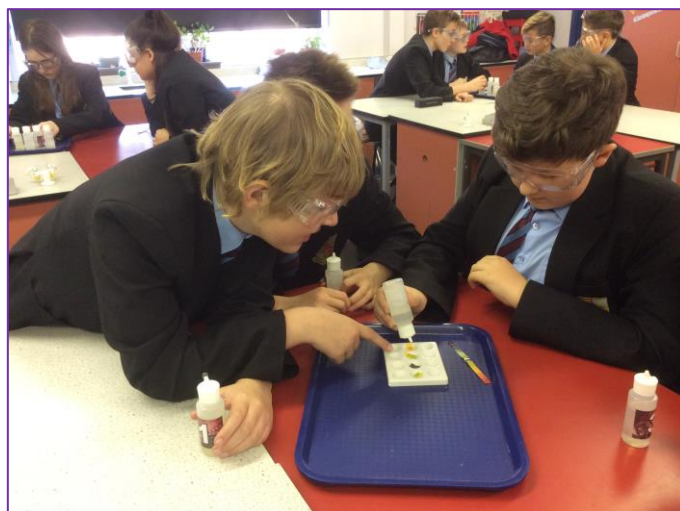
Our Year 7 learners worked in small groups to undertake practical Chemistry challenges to answer these questions and more!

Pupil Quotes

Alfie 7GD "I really enjoyed this lesson as I got to experience lots of things I wouldn't normally do"

Atola 7GD "I really enjoyed this because I learnt about Chemistry and I found out that if I study Science & Maths when I'm older I could work on or even be in charge of special effects on Dr Who!"

Millie 7PA "I enjoyed Lights Camera Reaction because we used chemicals and saw reactions happening which was a new thing for me"



All our learners enjoyed the experience, one of many provided at our school by Techniquiest.

We look forward to the next one!



Holocaust Educational Trust



Over the last few weeks, Callum Price and Rio Burgoyne in Year 12, have taken part in a project run by the Holocaust Educational Trust. It is now their job to pass on their experiences to our wider community. Once they have successfully completed the course, they will become Holocaust Ambassadors. Below is an article written by our learners, which explains why we need to remember the Holocaust.

We took part in the Lessons from Auschwitz Project run by the Holocaust Educational Trust. On the first day of the course we listened to Eva Clarke's Testimony, who was a Holocaust survivor. She helped to us to get an idea of what we were going to see in Poland. We also met other young people from other Newport schools. Then on the 11th of February, we proceeded to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau. Visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau was a very surreal experience. We never thought we would have the opportunity to visit the gruelling place. Actually being in Auschwitz I and seeing first hand, all of the belongings of the innocent people that had died there made the whole experience that much more personal and heart breaking. Auschwitz I was definitely not what we had expected it to be, whereas Auschwitz-Birkenau was exactly what we had expected it to be, if not worse than anticipated. There was nothing around, just vast land covered in snow which made everything look much more bare and eerie, there were thick forests and these small, cold buildings that the people who were horribly trapped in Auschwitz-Birkenau stayed within. The day was long, tiresome and cold. It was a life changing opportunity and we can't even begin to imagine how the people who were trapped here coped in the depths of winter and in the heights of summer, not knowing what the next day would bring them. If we were to have a one-minute-silence for everyone who was wrongly murdered within Auschwitz, we would be silent for two whole years. The visit to Auschwitz will forever stay with us, we will forever be moved by the stories we were told, the sights we have seen and prayers we had heard.

For us, it is important to remember the Holocaust because it was an act of anti-semitism and to this day, such acts and hate crime exist. In our society today, anti-semitism still occurs. The Holocaust is a warning from the past, it needs to be remembered in the hope that people will not commit such evil again. We cannot forget such tragedy and that humanity can be capable of such destruction of human life. Also, it is important to remember and pay respect to those who perished and for those who have relatives who have perished as a result of this tragic event.



Visit to the House of Commons



After a successful fundraising campaign last academic year when over £1500 was raised for Malaria No More UK between February half term and the end of the summer term; Mrs Ashford was surprised and delighted to be invited to the World Health Organisation launch of the World Malaria Report 2017.

This was in recognition of the work of the school in raising this amount.



The event was held in the prestigious Speakers House at the House of Commons, London on Wednesday 29th November.

Whilst at the event Mrs Ashford was able to meet representatives from many organisations involved in the fight against Malaria including hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, charities and businesses and listen to speakers from across the world including government representatives and the High Commissioner of Kenya.

Whilst attendance at this event was an honour for Mrs Ashford it is vital that it is known that there were others involved. A particular mention should go to Miss Dunlop who was a great help and a committee of

nine Year 9 girls who willingly turned their hand to just about anything that was asked of them! Many thanks to Eman, Samina, Farhana, Klaudia, Shaye, Suzanna, Cerys, Erin & Katy, my 'Malaria' girls.

Lastly thank you so much to all the staff who put up with my constant requests to 'do stuff' for Malaria from eating bugs and being covered in beans and cold custard to riding the Wales Velothon and playing football! It was all worth it!



Sport Relief 2018



Key stage 3,4 & 5 took part in sporting events and managed to raise **£818.70**, KS5 were fantastic and managed to row 131,966m. 80 learners took part in a penalty shootout with Mr Grimes (Deputy Headteacher) in goal the winners were Cerys Shipley (KS3) and Ousman Touray (KS5).

Basketball winners were Ewan Burrows (KS3) and Richard Gallimore (KS4).

The key stage 3 pupils completed their sport Relief miles with the vast majority of all years managing to do at least 2 miles.

Lastly staff that took part in a cycling event managing to cycle 164.7km.

Lead Creative Schools



The 2nd phase of the Lead Creative School's project appears to have been another success story this year. For the last 4 months 22 Y8 learners have had a great time working with two inspirational creative practitioners. Mike, an actor and children's author and Natasha, who owns a publishing company. The team created their own advertising company and set themselves the challenge of promoting the use of using 'Full Sentences' around the school. The team created logos, bright attractive posters, learnt how to create augmented reality and even went on a trip to St David's hall Cardiff. The group also carried out presentations and quizzes in Y7 lessons to promote this whole school initiative. One Y8 learners said "This has been a fantastic project. Mike and Natasha have been such great fun and we have learnt so much about how advertising companies work. I loved making films for the campaign plus the trip to Cardiff was brilliant. I would definitely recommend this project to other pupils".



Foppolo Ski trip

On the 16th of February, 37 students left Lliswerry for a trip to Foppolo in Italy. Years 8-13 were allowed on the trip. The destination was up in the mountains in the Bergamo province of Italy.

We left Lliswerry at 10:00 am for a long bus journey. We got to Dover at around 3pm and caught an earlier ferry to Calais, we travelled throughout the night and arrived early in Foppolo. We were greeted with beautiful scenery and very thin and windy roads.

As we arrived early we had lots of time to spare. So our ski rep, Marco, who is football mad decided to have a game of football and have a snowball fight with us all, but for some of us it was too cold so we stayed inside and watched the madness outside.



We started skiing on the Sunday for the rest of the week, the views in the morning were amazing and the views while skiing was amazing. In the nights we had the 'Shaun the Sheep' and 'Lamb Chop' awarded for stupid and weird incidents that happened throughout the day. We also heard about 'The Daily Riley' after he nearly lost everything.



Many pupils said the trip was "amazing", "the best trip ever" and "A nice relaxing trip". Many of the pupils have all declared their interest in next year's trip to Alpe d'huez.



Parent Governor Vacancy



We are currently looking to recruit a new Parent Governor who will play an active part on the school's Governing Body. School Governors have an important part to play in ensuring that the requirements of the National Curriculum are met, establishing standards of behaviour, selection of staff, budget matters etc. Governors sub-committees meet once every half term and the full Governing Body meet every half term.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please contact Mrs Rose-Phelps Senior School Support Officer on 01633 277867.

Sick Learners

Learners:

- Q. What should I do if I feel unwell in a lesson?
A. Tell your teacher and he/she will give you a red exit slip to leave the classroom to go to the medical room in learner reception.
- Q. What should I do if I feel unwell at break time or lunchtime? (If the bell goes for the start of the lesson, you must go to your lesson and speak to your teacher.)
A. Go to learner reception and the staff there will help you.
- Q. Should I contact my parents and ask to be collected?
A. No, the staff on learner reception will contact home if you need to be sent home.
Reminder: You should not use your mobile phone whilst in the school building
- Q. Who can give me permission to go home if I am unwell?
A. Your Head of Year or Head of Key Stage or a Senior Member of Staff

Parents:

We have recently had a number of parents called to school by their children without the staff having any knowledge of a learner feeling unwell. Parents are asked for their support in the process above and to wait for the school to contact them to collect their child.

Lunch Cards

Please can all learners remember to bring their lunch cards to school EVERY DAY. If you have mislaid your card or broken your card, a replacement must be purchased at a cost of £2.50. Learners are asked to see Mrs Rose-Phelps at break time to pay and collect a new card. Thank you for your cooperation.



Important Dates for your Diary



March/April 2018

Friday 30th – Friday 13th
Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th
Monday 16th
Thursday 26th – Wednesday 9th
Tuesday 17th – Friday

Easter Holidays – School closed to learners
Easter revision – year 10 & 11 learners
School re-opens to learners (Week 1)
Welsh National Tests years 7-9
KS3 PPEs begin

May 2018

Monday 7th
Tuesday 8th
Tuesday 8th
Monday 28 – Friday 1st June

Bank Holiday – School closed to learners
School re-opens to learners (Week 2)
External exams begin
School closed for half term

June 2018

Monday 4th
Friday 22nd
Friday 22nd

School re-opens to learners (Week 1)
Year 11 Founders' Day Ceremony
Year 11 Prom

July 2018

Tuesday 10th
Friday 13th
Tuesday 17th
Wednesday 18th
Thursday 19th
Friday 20th July

Summer Showcase Event
Sports Day
Year 8 Celebration Assembly
Year 9 Celebration Assembly
Year 10 Celebration Assembly
Last day of school year

