

Dear Parents/Carers

This week in our assemblies we spoke to students about our new vision 'Education for Life' and core values, creativity, resilience & respect. It has been fantastic talking to students around the school both about the assembly, and their plans for this year. Many of our Year 11's are also discussing college and their aspirations for their Life After Stringer.

The five-year journey through secondary school goes quickly, however we are keen to provide all students with a broad curriculum but also a love of learning and the confidence to develop skills or try something new. Today Year 7s attended a music assembly to showcase the opportunities with the music service (more details below) and our Clubs Fair is next Wednesday, for our Years 7 and 8. We are also in the early planning stages our Enrichment Week which takes place towards the end of the summer term (11-15 July). For the first time in 18 months students studying GCSE drama in Year 11 are attending live theatre next week; these are all really important aspects of school life here at Stringer and support students in their GCSE courses.

Breakfast in the Canteen

We are pleased to be able to announce that we are operating Breakfast service in the canteen from Monday. Any student can come along and get food (including toast, croissants and cereal) from 8am. Students who are entitled to Free School Meals will be able to purchase a breakfast item, in addition to their Free School Meals lunch allowance.

Covid updates

Thank you to all parents/carers for their support by continuing to take weekly lateral flow tests to keep everyone safe. We will continue to provide self-testing kits through tutor groups, however you are also able to pick them up from a local pharmacy, or order them online. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

BHMA magic of Music

Today, instrumentals teachers from Brighton and Hove Music and Arts delivered an assembly to all our Year 7 students, demonstrating and talking about the broad range of instrumental lessons we offer at Stringer. If any Year 7s are interested in learning an instrument, please find attached a letter from BHMA which details information about lessons we offer and how to apply.

Year 10 Options

If students feel that they have made a mistake in their options, they need to see Mrs. Cumming as soon as possible to see whether a change is feasible. **The deadline for option changes is next Friday, 24 September.**

Thank you for those who participated in the Year 10 Webinar this week. We have provided a link to the recording and to the slides in our Year 10 newsletter on the SLG.

Word of the Week: There is a slight change this year when tutor groups will be looking at and using 'root words'.

Open Evening

We are busy preparing for our Open Evening on 7 October; it is always a hugely popular event with nearly 2000 visitors on site; we know many of our former students and current parents like to visit us on our Open Evening. However, as we are still adjusting to new ways of meeting, unfortunately we need to limit the event to Year 6 students and their parents/carers. We have introduced a booking system to help us manage our Open Evening safely and will be limiting the number of visitors on the night. Only Year 6 parents and carers in the catchment area can book tickets.

Key Dates

- Monday 20 September – Meet the tutor (Virtual)
- Wednesday 22 September: Year 7 & 8 Club Fair
- Thursday 7 October Open evening – early closure
- Friday 8 October Late - start for students – period 2

Key Dates 2021/2022 are on our website:

https://public.dorothy-stringer.co.uk/ds/pages/key_dates.aspx

Take care and stay safe.

Matt Hillier, Headteacher