

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been very impressed with our Year 11s and the way they have approached their mock exams over the last two weeks. As Mrs. Cumming said in her email to Year 11s this week it is important to continue to revise, little and often, in the lead up to the mock exams in February. If any students were unable to complete their mocks they should talk to their class teachers.

A reminder for Year 11s that the deadline for their college applications is Thursday 25 November. Full details can be found on the newsletter.

Year 10 Virtual Parents' Evening Thursday 25 November

There are still some appointments available for the Year 10 Virtual Parents' Evening on Thursday next week. Parents' evenings are an important part of school life that gives you the opportunity to discuss students' progress with their subject teachers. If you need any assistance booking appointments please contact Bubbles Robinson our SIMS Manager by email: bubbles.robinson@dorothy-stringer.co.uk

Year 7 Safer Schools App Launch

Thanks to all those Year 7 parents and carers who joined the virtual launch of the Safer Schools yesterday evening we hope you found it useful. The Safer Schools App will be launched to Year 7 students in December during tutor time and there will be an assembly with more information about the Safer Schools App. You can find the instructions for downloading the App on the Year 7 newsletter on the SLG.

Woodland Working Day

It's great to see the return of another Stringer event following restrictions imposed by the pandemic. This Saturday, 20 November, will see the return of our Woodland Working Days when we invite the community to join us in the nature reserve for a day of coppicing trees, planting wild flowers and building fences from the coppiced wood. If you would like to enjoy some time outdoors please join Mr Sandercock on Saturday at the Environment Centre between 10.00am to 2.00pm.

There are free bags of firewood for anyone that helps out. Please bring along a snack and we will provide the hot drinks and biscuits.

Admission Arrangements for Brighton & Hove Schools 2023-24

Schools have been asked to draw parents' attention to the Admission Arrangements consultation which will run between 15 November 2021 and 2 January 2022. The consultation proposals can be found on the council's website at <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissionsconsultation> along with details of scheduled public

The responses to this consultation will be presented to the Children, Young People and Skills (CYPS) Committee at a meeting on 10 January 2022.

Local Authority Safety Message

The Local Authority would like us to remind all students that climbing fences is not permitted under any circumstances (including trying to access the 3G pitch). There have been some instances in the city recently which have resulted in serious injuries on school campuses resulting from falls from heights.

Covid Updates

We've handed out test kits to all students in the last couple of weeks and we would encourage students to continue to take tests regularly. Those who missed the vaccinations can book online. For more information please visit the GOV.UK website: [COVID-19 vaccination guidance and resources for schools and parents](#)

We are recruiting

We are currently recruiting for some non-teaching posts and would welcome applications from parents/carers and former students. Full details can be found on our [website](#):

- ICT Technician – deadline for applications 25/11/21
- Pastoral Manager - deadline for applications 25/11/21
- Cleaners - deadline for applications 6/12/21
- Teaching Assistants – deadline for applications 2/12/21

Root Word of the Week – Hemi, semi: half (Greek root word) examples include: Hemisphere; Semiconscious; Semi-annual

Key Dates

- Thursday 25 November – Year 10 Parents' Evening (No early closure as appointments are online)
- Friday 17 December – last day of Autumn term – early closure at 12.30
- Tuesday 4 January 2022 – start of Spring Term (Week 1 of timetable)

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