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WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

KEY DATES

Saturday 16th January

9:00am - 1:00pm Entrance Assessment



Boarders' Weekend Activity (Sunday)

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Monday 18th January

6:00pm - The Rotary Club "Youth Speaks" Competition - NBH



Wednesday 20th January

U19 Football v King Edwards (H)

U14/U15 Netball v Mayville (H)

Year 10 All Day Drama Rehearsal

4:00pm - Drama: Tech and Dress Rehearsal



Thursday 21st January

9:30am - 11:00am Whole School Open Morning

5:00pm - GCSE Drama Performance (Studio)

5:30pm - Boarders' Service



Friday 22nd January

Year 11 Master class Conference (Oxford)

The start of this calendar year has been a difficult one and I apologise for any inconvenience caused to our parents following the very necessary closure of the school for our day pupils. The children have been restricted in their movements around the school this week, but hopefully we will be back to normal for the start of next week. Thank you to everyone for your support in this difficult period.

I am sorry to report that Mrs Taliadoros has had to undergo an operation at very short notice. We wish her well for a very speedy recovery. The English Department is coordinating the work for her whilst she is absent.

We welcome Sam Holborow, James Gawith and Russell Green who are our new Gap Assistants within the Boarding Department and school.

N W Thorne
Headmaster

Important Reminder

Please remember to telephone the School Office before 9:00am in the event of your child being ill / late to school. A note explaining the absence should be sent upon their return. Pupils who arrive late **must** remember to sign the 'late book' which is held in the School Office.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Please note the following amendments to this term's Calendar:

Politics Society

- Baroness Neville-Jones (Shadow Security Minister) will be speaking at the Politics Meeting on Thursday 28th January at 7.30pm.
- The Politics Meeting with Baroness O'Cathain on 4th February has been postponed.



Scholastic Book Clubs

To encourage pupils to read for pleasure through Scholastic Book Clubs there is now a **new easy way for you to order** online with a school group order.

Scholastic Book Clubs are a great way for pupils and their parents to choose books as they offer a wide range of titles for all tastes and abilities so there's something to suit everyone. You'll also notice that every book is discounted with prices starting from **£1.99** so you can make great savings and we receive **free** books for the school with every order placed.

To order online just visit:

www.clubs-school.scholastic.co.uk/st-johns-po5

Then, add books to our school basket and benefit from **free P&P** to the school. You'll then be able to pay securely online by credit or debit card and the books will arrive in school and be distributed as normal.

Ordering online will also allow you to choose books from a range of leaflets including My Book Corner suitable for ages 0+, Book Club for ages up to 13, C2C for ages 11+ and from a selection of adult books all at discounted prices. **Online ordering is available to all parents in the school, including the Nursery.**

If you'd rather not order online, the new Scholastic C2C Book club leaflet is now available in the Upper School Library and orders can be sent to school with payment in the usual way. Unfortunately this option is limited to the C2C leaflet only.

Please speak to Mrs Craise in the Library should you have any questions.

Lower School News

Change to Calendar
Parents' Evening - Monday 22nd March

Please note there is no Parents' Evening on Friday 26th February as appears in error on our calendar.



Rugby

The Under 11's will play a trial match next Saturday at Fields starting at 10:00am. The teams will be selected next week and children will be informed. This will involve the majority of Pupils in Mr Bird's and Mr Sleep's games groups.

Clubs

Any late bookings for Performing Arts and Computer Xplorers commencing on Monday are still welcome. Please include payment with your booking. Additional booking forms are available from the Lower School Office.

There are also still spaces available for Dance Club on Fridays.

Whole School Open Morning

Thursday 21st January 2010 - 9:30am - 11:00am

If you know any parents who are interested in St John's for their child, then please encourage them to visit us next Thursday. We are still welcoming applications for Reception Year 2010/11 for those close to starting school. We currently have limited spaces in some year groups for this academic year.

Fields

We hope to commence with Games next week. Pupils will require tracksuits and towels. Please pack training shoes as well as boots for boys. All boys in Year 4 - 6 will require mouth guards for Rugby. We operate a strict 'no mouth guard/no play' rule for all contact sport and fixtures.

Uniform

Pupils should return to wearing regular uniform from Monday.