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BBC

Our Year 8 girls had a unique opportunity to participate in the BBC Academy's STEM, English and Media project. By visiting Portland place, our superb students were able to discover how the BBC uses Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in everyday programming. They returned home enthused with thoughts of considering a career in STEM because it is a field underrepresented by women.



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GCSE Examinations

The timetable of public examinations for the summer series has now been published and commences the week beginning Thursday 9th MAY. It is of vital importance that each student attends college fully prepared for each examination that they are entered for at least 30 minutes before it is scheduled to commence. Students are required to attend all examinations in full college uniform and with the required equipment.

For Science and Mathematics examinations, students must have a calculator, ruler, pencil and a geometry set. Students must also bring a black biro to each examination.

The use of mobile telephones and other electronic devices are NOT PERMITTED in the examination hall.

Therefore, it is requested that students do not bring these items to college when they have an examination. If students do need to have any such devices with them, they must hand them to the invigilation staff at the start of each examination. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the examination.


Students must attend the examination(s) for which they have been entered for. In the event of illness or an emergency situation that prevents your child attending or means your child will be late, please make contact with the College as soon as possible so that appropriate advice can be given and arrangements put in place.


Bedrock Learning

We have invested in a wonderful online programme called Bedrock. This is an online programme where your child can access both non-fiction and fiction texts to improve their reading skills and learn new vocabulary that will enhance the way they read, speak and write across all of their subjects. As your child progresses through the Bedrock curriculum, they will study hundreds of new words.

Research has shown that there is a direct link between a student's vocabulary size and their academic achievement. Children with a wider vocabulary make faster progress at school, in further education and beyond. Narrow vocabularies affect directly students' grades. The Bedrock core curriculum is accessed by every year 7 and 8 student during their weekly English lesson. Parents, guardians and carers of Year 7 and 8 will shortly be receiving a letter with their child's log in details. For extra information visit the Bedrock website:

[Bedrock Learning | The award-winning literacy resource for schools | Bedrock Learning](#)

 <h1 style="text-align: center;">May 2024</h1>	
April	
Wednesday 1st - 8th May	Year 8 Examinations
Thursday 9th May	GCSE Examinations
Monday 27th - Thursday 31st	Half Term Holidays

	Week Commencing: Tuesday 7th May	
	MENU 4	
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Tikka Masala with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 3	Beef Tikka Masala with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 4	Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 5	Gluten free Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes without Milk or Butter	Gluten/Dairy Free
Vegetables	Carrots and Green Cabbage	
Dessert Choice	Jam and Coconut Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken New Yorker with Jacket Potato	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Diced Lamb with Noodles and Vegetable Stir Fry	Halal
Meal Choice 3	Diced Lamb with Noodles and Vegetable Stir Fry	Non Halal
Meal Choice 4	Vegetable Stir Fry with Noodles	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 5	Diced Lamb with Vegetable Stir Fry	Gluten/Dairy Free
Vegetables	Sweetcorn and Green Beans	
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Ice Cream with Peaches	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Mexican Chilli Mince Wraps	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 3	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Non Halal
Meal Choice 4	Cheese and Onion Tart	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 5	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	Gluten/Dairy Free
Vegetables	Peas and White Cabbage	
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Cakes with Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers with Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Vegetables	Roast Carrots and Cauliflower	
Dessert Choice	Custard Tart	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day. Homemade Soup of the Day and Baked Jacket Potato with Filling, are available daily</i>		

May Day Bank Holiday

Please note that Monday 6th May is the May Day Bank Holiday therefore the College will be closed. College will resume at the normal time of 8:35am on Tuesday 7th May. Thank you.

Year 8 Examinations

All KS3C students will sit formal end of year examinations during the week commencing 1st - 8th May. During the time of the examinations all Year 8 students must attend college at the normal time of 8:45am each day. Students need to go directly to their Form Room for morning registration and will then either attend normal lessons or a timetabled examination, whichever is applicable. It is important for all students to bring the appropriate equipment i.e. pen, pencil and calculator to the examinations. It is important for students to note that no electronic device [e.g. phone, iPod, smart watches etc.] will be allowed into the examination venues. Such items must be left at home or handed in at the start of each examination. Please note that the college does not take responsibility for loss or damage to these items so I therefore strongly recommend that all mobile phones and electronic devices are left at home.