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The Courtyard Fortnightly Newsletter - Friday 12 May 2023

Parent Governor Vacancies

We are pleased to inform you that we have two parent governor vacancies at the Courtyard.

The governing body is not involved in the day-to-day operations of the school; instead, they function at a strategic level. They are in charge of both promoting high standards and the behaviour of the school. Together, they establish the school's mission and determine its goals, ensuring that the Courtyard offers a high standard learning environment and has high expectations for student achievement.

Governors need not be experts in the field of education. They do, however, need to be willing to put in the time and have an interest in the school and the wellbeing of the students.

Soft skills include the capacity to interact with a variety of individuals, the capacity to work in a team, the capacity to question, and the capacity to draw connections between various sorts of information are desirable.

All governors must be able to read budget reports and statistics on academic performance allowing a non-bias input in the running of the school.

Please get in touch with Ms Shepherd [here](#) should you wish to discuss your interest or the vacancies in further detail.

Forms for download are available here:

[Parent Governor Elections Information Letter](#)

[Nomination Form](#)

[Declaration of Qualification](#)

To ensure that we are fully versed in our practice we have staff CPD arranged at 3pm on Tuesday 16th May 2023.

Students will be dismissed early at 2.45pm allowing our entire cohort to participate in the training.

PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS

24th May 2023 4.00pm-5.00pm

Host: Simone Scott (Art Therapist) | **Focus:** Art Therapy to Support Emotional Regulation

14th June 2023 4.00pm-5.00pm

Host: The Rap Project | **Focus:** Online Safety

28th June 2023 4.00pm-5.00pm

Host: Elena Vidal (Head of Careers) | **Focus:** World of Work (Tools, Advice and Information)

SPRING TERM FORTNIGHTLY SUBJECT FOCUS

Week Beginning	Monday 15th May	Monday 22nd May
Maths Entry Level	Applied multiplication and division	Applied multiplication and division
Maths FSL1	Measures	Transformations
Maths GCSE	Trigonometry	Trigonometry
Maths Statistics	Topic Revision	Topic Revision
English Entry Level	Poetry, Prose and Performance	Poetry, Prose and Performance
English FSL1	Shakespeare, Poetry and Performance	Shakespeare, Poetry and Performance
English GCSE Lang Group 2	20th Century Non-Fiction	20th Century Non-Fiction
English GCSE Lit Group 1	Conflict Poetry	Conflict Poetry
ICT Informatics	2 x coding tasks	2 x coding tasks
ICT FSL1 & 2	Creating a suitable chart	Peer assessing in full sentences
ICT BCS/ICDL L3 PPT	Handling Graphical Objects 3.3.8 Save a graphical object as a file format like: bmp, gif, jpeg, png.	Handling Graphical Objects 3.3.9 Omit, display background graphics on a slide, slides.
Entry1-3 Computational Thinking Design, ICT / Informatics course	Dice challenge I can simulate the roll of a dice	Program the magic 8-ball
Science BTEC Principles	Coursework - Understanding the effects of human activity on the environment, and how to measure them	Coursework - Understanding the effects of human activity on the environment, and how to measure them
Science Entry Level	Covalent bonding, simple covalent structures	Giant covalent structures, allotropes of carbon
French	Revise all covered and start practising mini dialogue / role play in French (introducing ourselves and our family, talking about the weather and asking what our favourite things are)	Practise and perform our mini dialogue / role play in French (introducing ourselves and our family, talking about the weather and asking what our favourite things are)
Home Cooking	Egg farming	Practical lesson
Hospitality	Preparing different types of food items	Practical lesson
PSD	Be able to explain the role of a team leader	Be able to understand the characteristics of an effective team
WorkSkills BTEC	New Spec: Skills Confidence Personal appearance Interview Experience // Old Spec: Work positively as a member of a team	New Spec: Personal appearance in Interview Experience // Old Spec: Work positively as a member of a team
P.E.	Mini Kabaddi Game	Kabaddi
Creative Expression	Midsummer Night's Dream Production preparation	Midsummer Night's Dream Production preparation
World Studies	Free speech and protest - Shaping your world - Introduction to summer project	Free speech and protest - Introduction to summer project
Art	2 point perspective drawings Unit 2: Final exam	2 point perspective drawings Unit 2: BTEC project evaluation + creating portfolio
Independence group 1	Public Transport: To be able to take the bus and go to the shop independently and safely. PSHE: To be able to identify, understand and conduct different types of relationships. Food: To understand the diverse range of foods, trying new foods, planning and preparing meals safely and independently. Social communication/ neurodiversity: To understand how to go to the shop safely and independently .	
Independence group 2		

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COURTYARD CELEBRATIONS



KS4 Star of the week

Luke JM for excellent effort in lessons and in his Maths exam this week.

Dillon for great participation in Drama.

Emma for being hardworking and producing fantastic pieces of work consistently in English!

James, Daniel K and Dillon for their exceptionally hard work in Maths when learning about money.

Eden for always being supportive and kind to her peers.

Danny K for his hard work in English intervention.

James for excellent work in drama.

KS4 Star of the week

Bobby & Jesiah for producing exceptional work in literacy.

Martin for his excellent listening and searching questions about World War 1 in Miss Coburn's lesson.

Destiny and Elliot for excellently engaging in French conversations.

James for being able to identify quotes in a poem and apply them to his storyboard.

Alfredo and Yigit for great example of teamwork in PSD.

Luke WH, for performing so well in completing his assignment in Home Cooking.

KS4 SCERI Stars of the week

Emma, Harry, Destiny, Ian, Yasin, Martin and Prom for their fantastic participation at the Prince's Trust workshop! Well done!

Students with Platinum Dojo Points:

Yasin, Joshua, Elliot, Fawaz, Harry and Luke W



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KS5 Star of the week

Elshaday for his beautiful descriptions of his deserted island in English intervention.

Keira for communicating her needs.

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Dev and Aymene for excellent effort in lessons and in their Maths exam this week.

Angelina for being kind and caring to other students.

Elshaday for producing exceptional work in literacy.

KS5 SCERI Stars of the week

Angelina and Keira for thoughtfully identifying their SCERI targets.

Dillon for regulating from blue zone to green zone and completing his work in English.



Keyworker with the most dojos:
MR ZAGOZDA

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A SNAPSHOT OF THE LAST TWO WEEKS

