

Mr Salberg Speaks



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Year 13 Mock Exams

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A reminder for all Year 13 students that A Level mock exams are starting next week and will run until Friday 26th November.

Attendance 1

Students attending school every day is really important. Students fall behind whenever they miss school; research shows that students who have poor attendance do not make as much progress as those that attend regularly. We are contacting every family whose child's attendance is below 95% to support them with improving this. The exception to this will be any child who has been absent due to Covid-19.



Sixth Form

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Considering possibilities for Sixth Form studies next year? Come along to our Open Event on **Tuesday 9th November 5.30-7pm** with a talk on 'Sixth Form @TWS' at 6.15pm.

Remembrance Day

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Next week will see a range of services across Reading and Berkshire to recognise Remembrance Day at **11am**, on the **11th November**. As part of our PSHE programme next week, The Wren will be also be remembering the service and sacrifice of those who have fallen across all conflicts. Students, who attend Scouts, Guides, Cadets and similar, are invited to wear those uniforms, in place of their school uniforms should they wish to, on **Thursday, 11th November**, and be a part of a remembrance service in school. Also from Monday, our Year 8 Associates will be visiting all tutor groups selling Poppies to students, for a small donation, which will be forwarded to the British Legion. The British Legion offer a range of services including supporting injured service personnel and their families; further details can be [located here](#). We will then invite all students to create a commemorative Poppy to celebrate those special people or memories that are important to them. Please do support by discussing Remembrance Day at home.

Be Ready

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Mobile phone use

This week all students had a briefing on expectations of phone use in school. We do not allow phones out on our school site; this will create a safe environment where personal social interaction is encouraged. Please support the school in creating a positive culture. Thank you.

Year 11 Study Area

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The Year 11 Study Area is now open afterschool from 3 until 4 in the Sixth Form area. This is an ideal time to set up a study group and start your revision. The centre will be staffed and the LRC will be open if any resources are needed. You do not need to book just turn up and sign in. This is a great study space that you can use every day afterschool.

Introducing:

Learning Mentors

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Formally known as Teaching Assistants our team is here to mentor specific students and offer tailored support so they can reach their full potential. The team is split into four different specialisms: Cognition and Learning, Disability, Neurodiversity and Social, Emotional and Mental Health. They are the students 'go to' and support in the classroom and on a one to one basis. In addition to this they run a variety of small group interventions.

PE Kit

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Due to the weather changing, and PE classes still expected to go outside, can we make sure students are appropriately dressed. Please remember they are able to wear black skins underneath polo shirts, black leggings or tracksuit bottoms, Wren PE fleece or a hoodless jumper with minimal logos.

Reading Rockets

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The Reading Rockets, a local basketball club, are running SEN Basketball Sessions at South Reading Leisure Centre on Thursdays between 4-5pm. These sessions are for children with additional needs aged 8-18yrs. If you are interested in finding out more, visit www.readingrockets.co.uk or contact steph.johnson@readingrockets.co.uk.

Rock DJ

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It was a pleasure for us to welcome DJ teacher, Ryan Miltiades, from Hogan Music to The Wren on Wednesday. He performed a DJ set to our Year 9 students, showed them the different equipment he uses and demonstrated a variety of different sounds and techniques. It was clear to see that everyone in the room was having a great time! If your child is interested in DJing or other contemporary instrumental lessons, see the flyer attached or just visit www.hoganmusic.co.uk/thewren.

