



Apple or orange? Starter or pudding? Tea or coffee? We are all faced with choices and decisions to make on a daily basis, some more difficult than others. Tuesday 13 March saw the launch of our Pathways model for Year 8, our revamped Options Evening. Over 300 parents, carers and pupils were at the event and they had the opportunity to speak with members of staff from all options subjects who were on hand to offer advice about their subject. There was a lovely buzz about the school as children considered their strengths in subject areas and what subjects will be beneficial to their college and potential university careers and beyond. It was also great to see so many of our children studiously reading their pathways booklets to glean as much information as they could to support the choices that they will have to make.

This year, we are actively encouraging our pupils to follow the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) suite of qualifications, regardless of pathway. This suite of qualifications includes a language and a humanities option. A study by the Sutton Trust reveals that studying the EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and Maths, while research by the UCL Institute of Education shows that taking the EBacc enhances prospects for entering further education or employment.

I studied languages at school; French 'A' Level and Spanish GCSE. For me, the languages I studied helped me to understand the mechanics of our own language further, which, in turn, has supported my teaching of English. Speaking French and Spanish on my annual trip to Spain, I surprised a number of people who were not expecting an English lady to be able to speak anything other than English and, although not always perfect, I can engage in conversation and have even managed a joke or two!

We are fortunate as a college to be able to offer three languages; French, Spanish and Mandarin. Year 8 already have a whole year of a language under their belt and, hopefully, this will help guide them towards their decision. Bonne chance avec tes choix, Year 8!

Susan Williams, Acting Director, Learning and Innovation

### ATTENDANCE PRIZES

A report from Mrs Wenham:

Congratulations to Evie Bates, Year 7, Oscar Cardno, Year 8, Amy Waner, Year 9, Adrian Gudac, Year 10, and Nina Williams, Year 11, who have all won a £10 Amazon voucher in the attendance 'In to Win' prize draw for Term 3.

Remember, if your child has 100% attendance for this term, they will have the opportunity to win one of three pairs of cinema tickets and a Cadburys Crème Egg. This draw will take place in Term 5.

### PI DAY

A report from Miss Tinkl:

A huge well done to all those pupils who took part in the Pi decimal place challenge on Pi Day. Congratulations to the top three scorers: Mia Lozinski, 9CB, our winning pupil who recalled 133 decimal places of Pi; Mekkah Akedo, 7CY, (107) and Caroline Kolodziej, 8SA, (60).

Many pupils also took part in our Pi treasure hunt and three names were drawn at random: Lois Hilton, 9LH; Freya Johnson, 11AG; and Mia Lozinski, 9CB. They all received an early Easter egg. Well done!



## GET REVISING

A report from Mrs O'Connor:

Get Revising is a website that helps students revise and learn. Its aim is to involve students actively in their own learning and revision. All Year 11 students have been issued with a login for this site: <https://getrevising.co.uk/>

## INTER-HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

A report from Mr Wozzley:

What a terrific competition we had this year! The standard of entries was very high, with pupils across the school competing to represent their school House. The evening concert for the finalists was well attended, and there were many outstanding performances. The atmosphere was tremendous, a real celebration of our talented pupils. The overall winners for each house were: Endurance - Alex; Valiant - Daisy; Invincible - Esther; and Endeavour - Arantxa.



## ACCOUNTANCY CAREERS OPEN DAY

Local Chartered Accountancy Practice, Ashdown Hurrey, is holding an open day at their Hastings office on Thursday 5 April 2018. If you are interested in a career in accountancy and would like an insight as to what is involved, please go along and meet the team.

If you are interested, please contact Ashdown Hurrey (details on website): [www.ashdownhurrey.co.uk](http://www.ashdownhurrey.co.uk)



### FISH 4 KIDZ

Sunday 22 April 2017: 12noon—2.30pm

Free Entry

Catch and release

A chance for children aged 5 to 16 years to experience the joys of beach fishing.

Entry by prior arrangement only. All entrants must be registered by Sunday 15 April. Entry forms are available at Anglers Den (01323 460441) and Tony's Tackle (01323 731388). Any enquiries, please call Anglers Den or email Steve Frost at [nomadsec@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nomadsec@hotmail.co.uk).

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### March

- 28 Year 11 Parent Event
- 29 Last Day of Term 4

### April

- 16 First Day of Term 5
- 19 Y11 Photos
- 24 Y10 & Y11 Big Futures Show (SDC Sports Park)
- 25 Y9 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm—5.45pm
- 27 Non-uniform Day
- 30 Y8 & Y10 Assessment Fortnight begins

### May

- 14 Y7 & Y9 Assessment Fortnight begins
- 21 Y8 HPV Vaccinations
- 25 Last Day of Term 5

### June

- 4 First Day of Term 6
- 15 Town Sports
- 21 Y6 Induction Evening, from 3.45pm
- 25-29 Y10 Work Experience

### July

- 2 Y6 Familiarisation Day (selected pupils)
- 3 Y6 Taster Day (all new pupils)
- 5 Y11 Prom