



A note from the Principal

This week I think I have had some of my proudest moments of my time working with your children. On Monday, despite everything happening down at Parliament, Victoria Prentis found time in her diary to come and join our Year 7s to talk about democracy. The questions that the children pondered for her were insightful and penetrating. Victoria responded to them with complete candour and engaged them brilliantly. It was so wonderful to hear them wanting to take part in a discussion about the democratic process. On Wednesday we had an intensive day recruiting a new member of the campus leadership team for a January start. Without fail the candidates all expressed to us how polite, courteous, warm and well behaved our children are. The students who participated in the focus groups we ran with each interviewee were articulate and reflective. It has truly been a magical week where the best of our student cohort has shone through. I am so, so proud to be their Headteacher.



We wish you all a safe and fun half term with Halloween and bonfire night fast approaching and we look forward to welcoming Y11s into their study sessions next week. School recommences at 8.40 on Monday 4th November and we know it is going to be an exciting and busy term ahead.

Dates for your diary:

- Half Term - Mon 28th Oct to Friday 1st Nov
- Thurs 14th Nov - Parents' Evening Year 12 & 13
- Fri 22nd Nov - INSET day no students in school

Reminder!

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An Inspector Calls

On Wednesday 30 year 10 and 11s travelled to Oxford to see a production of An Inspector Calls which has been in production since 1992. The production uses a lot of symbolism to show the differences between the classes at the time. Images of war were interwoven with the play, which was set in 1912, to remind the audience of the Inspector's warning that if people do not change, they will learn through 'blood and fire and anguish'. The production ran without an interval which helped to keep the momentum of the 'confessions' of the characters. Without exception, we leaped out of our skins when the cosy home of the Birlings collapsed following the exit of the Inspector.

Our students were a credit to the school. They will have all benefitted immensely from having the opportunity to see one of their GCSE texts brought to life in this way.

We have several other trips coming up for all year groups:

29th November – Poetry Live for GCSE students in London (spaces are limited so bring money in asap)

10th December – Ashmolean Creative Writing for Year 9s

31st January – A Christmas Carol (Year 11 only) (visiting theatre company £6 per student)

5th March – RSC Live streaming of Macbeth (Year 11 only)

Year 11 October Half Term Revision Week

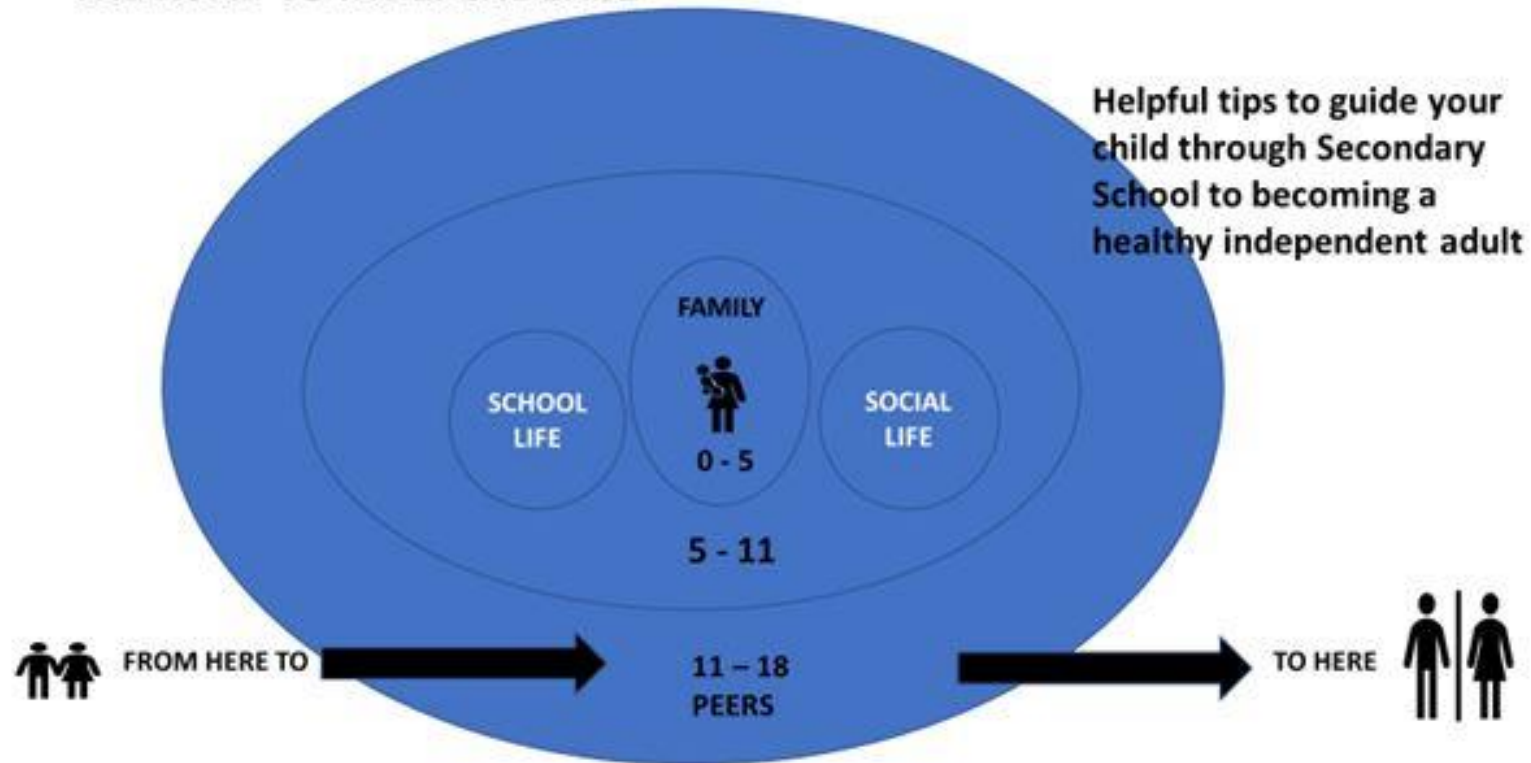
Thank you to all of those parents who have supported their children by ensuring that they are encouraged to take up the offer of y11 intervention classes both after school and at the weekends. It has been lovely to spend revision time with hugely motivated young people. I know that you will also encourage your son/daughter to take advantage of the autumn half term revision school we are running. Last year was incredibly successful as it enabled us to do some intensive work in a more relaxed environment. All students are welcome to attend the sessions relevant to them. The core subjects (English, maths and science) are obviously open to all, whilst options subjects should only be attended by those who are studying them.

We look forward to spending a rewarding week with your children.

WPA & FIB YR11 OCTOBER H/T REVISION WEEK 2019				
Day	Date	Subject	Time	Staff
Monday	28 th Oct	English	9.30-1.00	Miss Irvine
		DT Engineering	9.30-3.00	Mr Jeremiah
Tuesday	29 th Oct	Art	10.00-2.00	Mrs Smith
		Computer Science	10.00-2.00	Mrs Rhodes
Wednesday	30 th Oct	Science	9.30-12.30	Mr Colville Mrs Sterland Mr Sterland
		Hospitality & Catering	9.30-11.30	Mrs McMahon
Thursday	31 st Oct	Maths	9.30-12.30	Miss Thomas Miss Hetherington
Friday	1 st Nov	Geography/ History	9.30-12.30	Miss Williams Mr Bent

The Road to Independence

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Dear Parents,

We would like to invite you to an evening with CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) and the Pastoral staff at School to discuss some of the common concerns that teenagers and parents face. We will be discussing issues around anxiety and encouraging independence. If you feel this would be helpful then do join us on Wednesday 13th November at 18:00 for one hour.

Demos Kratos



“Victoria Prentis came and visited Wykham Park Academy. She told us about how she was Banbury’s MP and what was going on with Brexit. She predicted what was going to happen the next day and she was right. She let us ask

question and more. It was very fascinating.” Lotanna Year 7

“Demos Kratos, rule by the people, is where the people are allowed their say and get to vote. For many countries e.g. Hong Kong, it isn’t as free and people don’t get their say. We did a three-week project on how we as year 7 pupils could change the school for the better. The groups were voted on and we had a winner, the group is to go to the Houses of Parliament. On Monday 21st October our local MP, Victoria Prentis who talked to us about her job and what’s going on with Brexit at the moment. In fact when she left us she caught a train straight to the Houses of Parliament for a meeting.” Max Year 7



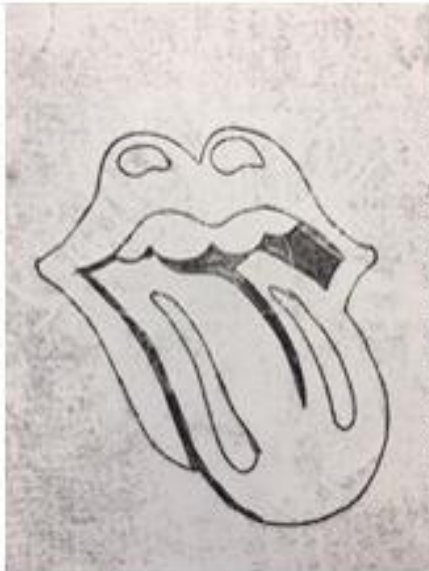
Atomic Tom



“Today as part of our ATL (No Limits) lesson Atomic Tom came in and we listened to our heart beats and pulses. We also learnt about the brain. We used our senses by holding our nose and eating something and we had to guess what it was, then we let go of our nose and smelt it and guessed again. He put smoke in a hole and then hit the red part and the smoke rings came out, it was called a vortex.” Ellie Year 7

Art Department News

Year 11 Mono printing work. All of the group have made great progress during this project. Well done, Miss Smith.



Open Event

This event is aimed at year 11 - 13 students who may be thinking about a **Sports Apprenticeship** or a **post 16 Football Education Programme**.

The open evening will be held on **Tuesday 19th November – 6.30pm** – at **Oxford City Football Club**. You can register your interest by contacting Hannah Bladen, General manager Ignite Sport UK, on 01869 220890.



REGISTER FOR OUR OPEN EVENT...



NOVEMBER 19TH 6:30PM

