

SECONDARY PARENTS' WEEKLY SHEET

March 12th 2015



Dear Parents: We hope that the following gives a flavour of some of this week's studying:

Arabic:

Y7 درس الطلبة قصيدة شعرية عنوانها "نجوى أسير" للشاعر أبو فراس الحمداني.

Y8 درس طلبة الصف التاسع قصيدة شعرية عنوانها "اللغة العربية تعاتب أبناءها" للشاعر حافظ إبراهيم.

Art and Design Technology: Students are learning to draw their city designs in 2 point perspective.

They are creating a 3D city scape using colour, texture and pattern, depth and detail.

Senators have been making frames for their Red Nose Day photo booth.

Computing: This Year 7 explored conditional formatting as part of the project: Spy School Spreadsheets.

Year 8 worked on Sound Effect Story, planning an animated story that they can then add sound effects and narration to. Year 9 worked on flash animation which will lead on to website design.

Drama: Year 8 watched their slapstick performances and assessed their group work and performance skills. Year 9 filmed their different comedy genres, which is loosely based on the ball scene from 'Romeo and Juliet'.

English: Year 7 watched a TED award speech about food and diet and are now preparing their own speech in response to: Should children be banned from buying junk food? Year 8 finished filming their TV adverts which will be edited using Windows Moviemaker, and also undertook formal letter writing assignments. Year 9 planned their comparative essay in answer to the statement: Mary Maloney and Mrs Werle acted on impulse when they felt threatened. Additionally, they prepared material for an assignment in relation to 'War Horse' – writing diary entries as Captain Jamie Stewart at the end of Chapter 6.

French: Year 7 French studied how to talk about what they do and don't do at home. Year 8 began recording their presentations in French about their visit (imaginary or real) to a city or country. Year 9 are learning to talk about what they do and should do (!) to keep fit and stay healthy. Year 7 Spanish are discussing their subjects and what they like and dislike to study in school. Year 8 are learning to say what they do in the classroom and to understand how regular verbs work.

Geography: KS 3 Geography students are close to finishing their term 2 topics ready for Assessment next Wednesday. Assessments will be based on the following topics: Year 7 – Glaciers, Year 8 – Weather, Year 9 - International Development.

History: Year 7 researched different historic mosques from around the world. Year 8 examined working conditions for children in 19th century Britain. Year 9 have been studying the opening phase of World War Two, including the tactics of Blitzkrieg.

Islamic Studies: this week we have revised for assessments in years 7, 8 and 9.

Maths: Year 9 worked on algebraic graphs and preparing for assessment. Year 8 Jasmine finished their algebra topic. They will have a unit test on Sunday and then the new topic of Geometry. Year 7 Aloe finished their assessment on Statistics and are now working on Decimals. 7 Cinnamon explored surface area and volume, manipulating nets to form cuboids. Year 8 Orchid were tested on probability and then moved on to look at calculating averages. The students are working very hard!

Music: Year 7 worked on their own drum compositions in groups. Year 8 continued their new topic: Blues Music; they revised the 12 bar Blues chord progression on keyboards and attempted improvising using the Blues scale. Year 9 listened to the recordings of their cartoon sound tracks and wrote a self-evaluation on the topic.

PE: Students are linking their Athletics and Swimming units of work together by competing in an Inter-Class Aquathlon. Next week students need to bring in for their Swimming lesson (in addition to their swimming kit) a running kit (top, shorts, trainers).

Science: Year 7 and 8 enjoyed a visit to the zoo and also worked hard in lessons on practicals.

Social Studies: Year 9 NNS have been looking at the Middle East as a region and examining the physical and human characteristics. We have been reviewing the connection between the UAE and other Middle Eastern nations.

We learn in Year 7 لقد قمنا في هذا الأسبوع بدراسة مادة التربية الوطنية (تطوعي خدمة لوطني) كما قمنا بإجراء اختبار لمادتي التربية الوطنية والدراسات الإجتماعية

Congratulations to Lewis in Year 8 on representing Dubai in baseball last weekend in Kuwait. We heard you played really well!



Secondary Parents Evenings :

Years 7& 9: Sunday 22nd March 2:45pm – 6:30pm; **Year 8:** Monday 23rd March 2:45pm – 5:30pm

Red Nose Day Assembly: this will take place on Sunday 15th March with our Senators leading it – supported by Miss Morgan. In PSHE we have focused on the history of Red Nose Day and its links with Comic Relief.

Pi Day 2015:

Preparations have been finalised concerning Pi Day that the students will help run on **Monday 16th March**. Events will include: QR code treasure hunt; ceramic workshops and Pi cookery classes. The students have worked very hard in the planning of this event – there may also be a little surprise for everyone at the end of the day! For more information on Pi day please scan:



Well done to all our sporting teams this week for some great play,

We were proud of you all . . .



Summer examination dates -

advance notice: these will take place between Sunday 31st May and Thursday 12th June, 2015.