

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 10th May 2024

Following exams over the last 2 weeks in Art, Photography and Modern Foreign Languages, today we started the main part of the summer exam series 2024. The exams continue until 19th June and we will have early lunch in place from Monday to support our Year 11 students. The whole staff team wish our Year 11s the very best of luck. I know they have worked hard and are ready to do themselves proud.

Thank you to staff and parents for our Year 8 Parents' Evening this week. It was great to see such a strong turnout, with parent feedback underlining their view on the importance of these events.

We also have some very exciting news to announce today: **Our school has secured funding from Somerset Council to expand its kitchen and dining facilities.** Due to our significant improvement as a school and the resultant increasing student numbers, we have suffered from a lack of capacity in the dining areas at meal times. Following a capacity review and work to demonstrate the need for improved facilities, Somerset Council has agreed to go out to tender to deliver the expansion project at Court Fields School. Alongside our 3G pitch, on which building has already started, this marks a fantastic step forward for our school, providing sporting, catering and dining facilities to keep pace with the development of our thriving school.

Have a lovely weekend in the sun (at last!). Thanks as always for your support. Best wishes, Mrs Matthews

Cricket

A cracking day in the sun at Weston CC for our U12 and U15 cricketers, as they competed in the ECB Chance to Shine Competition. The U12s are through to the County finals in June at Somerset CC, after narrowly beating a strong Ashton Park School from Bristol in a super over after a tie. George H was the bowling hero and Aedan M with the bat, scoring a big 6 in the super over! The U15s were pipped by Ashton Park in a best of 3 contest 2-1 in the final game. A fantastic day, played in fantastic spirit.



Exmoor Challenge 2024

We are so proud of our students who tackled the Exmoor Challenge over the weekend! They've shown incredible application and passion to take on such a tough task and we would like to congratulate them on their achievement! Thanks must also go to the organisers, the Rotary Club, and all those who have supported our students through this journey.



Insight Into Apprenticeships

A jammed packed morning for our group of Year 9 students yesterday with a presentation on job opportunities, talk from a former apprentice visit to the Visitor Centre and site tour of Hinkley Point C. If our students are considering working in Construction, or any of the many roles at Hinkley, then why not become a member of the team at the largest construction site in Europe!



Football win

Last week our Year 10 B Team played a very competitive game against The Castle School, seeing Court Fields come away with a 2-1 victory. Goals from Riley P. and Riley J. with the Player of the Match going to Frankie W. Well done to all involved!



Achieve | Belong | Participate

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HELLDIVERS 2

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday games engender and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with their children about the risks of gaming. Helldivers 2 is a free-to-play, third-person shooter game. It is available on PC and PS5. The game is rated PEGI 18+.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?
 Within weeks of release, Helldivers 2 had become one of 2024's biggest gaming success stories. The success has also shown from 2023 that smashed sales expectations, leading to its frantic gameplay and tongue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.

PEGI 18 RATING
 Due to its intense violence and the graphic nature of the game, Helldivers 2 is rated PEGI 18. This means that the game is only suitable for people aged 18 and over. The game contains a high level of violence, including blood and gore, and some strong language. It also contains some sexual references and some smoking.

IN-GAME PURCHASES
 Helldivers 2 is a free-to-play game, but it contains in-game purchases. These are used to buy cosmetic items for your character, such as different outfits and weapons. These purchases are optional, but they can be quite expensive.

VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING
 Helldivers 2 is a multiplayer game, which means that you can talk to other players. This can be a great way to make friends, but it can also be a source of harassment. We advise that you should be cautious when using voice chat and messaging.

PREMIUM SKINS
Advice For Parents & Educators

GIVE IT A GO FIRST
 Helldivers 2 is a free-to-play game, so you can try it out before you decide whether to buy it. We recommend that you should try the game for a few days to see if you and your child enjoy it.

SET EXPECTATIONS
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CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES
 If you are looking for a free-to-play game, there are many other options available. We recommend that you should look for games that are rated PEGI 12 or below, as these are more suitable for younger players.

KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS
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MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS
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Meet Our Expert
 Dr. Emma Smith is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Education, and has been working in the games industry for five years. As well as being an expert on using games in education, she has also written several books on the subject. Her work has been published on sites including BBC, The Guardian and many more.

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Free Supporting your child with Change & Transitions

In this workshop we will think about:

- How is your child is feeling about moving schools?
- How we can support children with their emotional ups and downs
- How we can help our children prepare
- Creating a plan to support their wellbeing

Where: Wellington Rugby Club, TA21 8LL
When: 12th June
 9:15-10:15am
 OR
 10:45-11:45am

Wellington Cluster Workshops

Please scan the code or follow the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/wppE7y7x>

For additional resources please see our Parent & Carer, Wellbeing Toolkit (under.com)

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Free Supporting your child with Exam Stress

In this workshop we will think about:

- What might get in the way of wellbeing during exams?
- How our brain and body might respond to stress and overwhelm
- Ideas of how to support our children (and ourselves) before, during and after exams.

Where: Wellington Rugby Club, TA21 8LL
When: 15th May
 9:15-10:15am
 OR
 10:45-11:45am

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Please scan the code or copy the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/wppE7y7x>

*Use the link to show interest and request MHST workshops

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Temporary change to School lunch break


We will be making a temporary change to the timing of the lunch break for the whole School from Monday 13th May to Friday 14th June inclusive. This change is to support Year 11 who will be taking exams during this time.

From Monday 13th May to Friday 14th June, lunch will be 12.30 – 13.05 (instead of the usual 13.30 – 14.05).


All other times will remain the same.

New absence request process

Please see new buttons below which can be found under the Parents section, then Useful Links on the webpage. These can be used to notify the school of medical appointments/any other appointments (school day appointment button) and also, term time leave requests can be submitted using the term time leave button.



TERM TIME LEAVE



SCHOOL DAY APPOINTMENTS

Cricket

The U15 girls travelled to Wembdon CC to compete in the ECB Chance to Shine Competition. The sun finally made an appearance and shone above us while we had an enjoyable day. Lots of runs, learning and fun throughout the whole day! For some, this was their first experience of competitive cricket and the progress they made was superb. Well done to all involved!



DIARY DATES

10th May-19th June
 Year 11 GCSE exams

14th May
 Parent & Community group meeting

24th May
 Last day of term

3rd June
 Return to school

22nd-30th June
 Spain trip

24th-26th June
 Enrichment Week

27th & 28th June
 Inset Days

1st-5th July
 Work Experience Week

5th July
 Year 11 Prom

22nd & 23rd July
 Activity days

23rd July
 Last day of term

24th July
 Inset Day

Meaningful May 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Monday 30th May: Mental Health Awareness Week - Day 1	Tuesday 31st May: Mental Health Awareness Week - Day 2	Wednesday 1st June: Mental Health Awareness Week - Day 3	Thursday 2nd June: Mental Health Awareness Week - Day 4	Friday 3rd June: Mental Health Awareness Week - Day 5	Saturday 4th June: Mental Health Awareness Week - Day 6	Sunday 5th June: Mental Health Awareness Week - Day 7
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ACTON CH. REFERENCE: Happier - Kinder - Together

PARENT & COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING

TUESDAY 14TH MAY 2024 5PM - 6PM
 AT COURT FIELDS SCHOOL

BLACKDOWN EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

You're Invited!

QUIZ NIGHT 14.06.24

ALL PARENTS AND CARERS WELCOME
 SAVE THE DATE AND MORE DETAILS WILL BE RELEASED SOON!