

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 24th January 2025

A busy week this week as Year 11 work through their 6 week revision preparation programme, ready for their second PPEs. Please do look at the resources with your Year 11 child and ensure that you are checking what they are revising each day.

We also had our second Community Breakfast on Monday, with over 50 members of the community/ linked parties who work in or with our community, including from Somerset Council, the NHS and local surgeries, schools, the Town Council, early years settings, churches, voluntary organisations and more. Thanks to Tim Potter, Son & Daughter for the provision of an excellent working breakfast. We discussed the next steps in our 'Cradle to Career' plan in Wellington to ensure that we continue to improve outcomes for children and families.



Following the high standards of behaviour and effort set by our current Year 11 students as a group, we have made the decision to reward them by bringing forward the privilege of ordering and wearing their Leavers' Hoodies. The remainder of students will be able to order their Leavers' Hoodies now and will receive them to wear from 24th February 2025. The link is now live and will remain live until 6pm on Monday 3rd February. **No further orders will be taken after this date.** https://courtfields.secure-decoration.com/shop/view_product/23235501/Court-Field-Leaver-Hoodie-2025-FINAL-SALES

Court Fields School Debate Club Shines at Youth Speaks Competition!



Last Friday, our talented debate team had the pleasure of participating in the Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition at Queens School, Taunton.

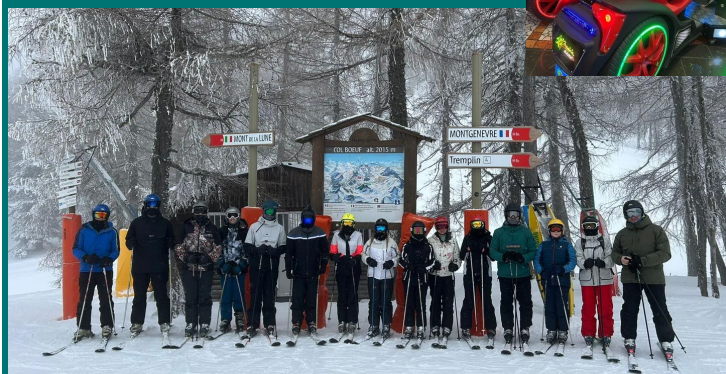
Our brilliant team members, Caleb M, Gemma H, and Oscar G, captivated the audience with their insightful discussion on the impact of AI on our future.

Special congratulations to Gemma H, who was awarded **Best Speaker of the Evening** for her outstanding proposal! Well done, team! We are incredibly proud of your achievements and can't wait to see what you accomplish next.

This Friday sees the KS4 Team in their competition. Good luck Oliver B, Olivia D and Milly H. Thanks to Mrs Bulmer and Miss Evans for all their hard work to support both teams.

Ski Trip Updates

Our Ski trip group are having a wonderful time in Italy. See more updates and videos on Facebook.



Community Breakfast

We were thrilled to host a Community Breakfast on Monday 20th January, attended by over 50 members of the local community. Guests included representatives from the Council, Health Sector, Social Services, Education Sector, Youth Services, Business, Rotary, and Voluntary Sector, all working together to improve outcomes for families in and around Wellington.



A small group of Year 10 students from the Youth Independent Advisory Group, did a brilliant job presenting their ideas.



Achieve | Belong | Participate

Parent Quiz



The winners of the recent Parent/Carer Quiz have now been notified! Well done to them and thank you to everyone that took part. There were over 70 entries and it was very close. We had to use the tie breaker questions to decide on 1st, 2nd and 3rd places!

Winners for House participation were:
1st place - Monument
2nd place - Blackdown
3rd place - Duke

There will be another parent/carers competition coming up this term so watch this space.



Year 10 Parents Evening

Booking for our Year 10 Parents Evening is now open! This is a crucial year for our students, so attendance is highly encouraged.

We know childcare for younger children can be an issue for many parents, so this year we are offering a Stay and Play Creche in our Learning Support area with Mrs Westwood and her Health & Social Care students!

SLT will be on hand in a private area to speak to, if you have any queries or concerns you would like to discuss. Plus, we're also planning to sell refreshments, which will be available to purchase with cash or card.

Please head to <https://courtfields.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments.



NEW YEAR SCREEN TIME OVERHAUL!



We've been inspired by the recent documentary 'Swiped: The School that banned Smart Phones' to re-consider our use of screens!

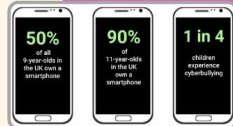
OUR PLAN!

It's been proven that over use of mobile and electronic devices can have a negative impact on sleep, concentration and mental health. We're hoping to improve this picture by sharing tools to help monitor screen time and set healthy limits.



THE STATS

The House of Commons Education Committee has said there had been a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022, with a quarter said to be using their devices in an addictive manner. Clearly something needs to change...



HOW TO CHECK

Checking your screen time is quite straightforward. There are settings on your Apple, Android or Gaming device to help you keep tabs. You can also set screen-time limits to make sure you don't overdo it!



NEXT STEPS

Here are a few links to some useful tools to help check your usage:

Apple: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/iphone/ipbafa595995/ios>

Android: <https://support.google.com/android/answer/9346420?hl=en-GB>

Gaming devices: <https://mrarthur.io/en/how-to-check-screen-time-on-nintendo-playstation-and-xbox-a-parental-guide/>



Big Exercise Promise

Don't forget, to record your steps as part of Our Big Exercise Promise via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/WKKh6JdqLSt>.



The aim is to reach 2,299,171 steps between us by the end of January, which would total walking from Lands End to John o' Groat's. Don't forget, there are prizes up for grabs!

DIARY DATES

27th January

Year 11 Cuppa & Cake
3:15-4pm

28th January

Year 11 Macbeth Trip

30th January

Year 10 Parents Evening

5th & 6th February

Year 11 College Interviews
(in school)

7th February

Non-uniform Day - Wear red for Heart Charities

11th February

Year 10 Science Live Trip

13th February

Year 9 Futures Evening

17th-21st February

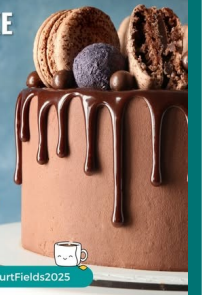
Half Term

YEAR 11 CUPPA & CAKE

Monday 27th
January

15:15-16:00

Year 11
Common Room



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Court Fields Alumni



Miss Hunt was pleased to bump into some of our former students when she was at college for a meeting last week!

