



The Weekly Word

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A note from the Principal

How quickly this term is going already - we are at the end of the second week and it feels like the summer holidays are but a distant dream. I am so proud of the way the students have returned to the new year with a purpose and a determination to succeed. We have had so many positive comments about how smart and professional the children look in their new uniforms and we are amazed at how quickly the Year 7 students have settled in to the routines we have in place and the expectations we have of everyone.



We are focusing our efforts this year on developing a far more transparent and consistent approach to home learning - the work children are expected to complete at home. Thank you to those parents who are regularly reading with their children if they are in Y7, 8 or 9, as this is something we expect every child to do every night. You will have received communications from Mrs Berry about the changes we have made to how we set home learning this year and we would appreciate any feedback you may have on how the new systems are working.

[Link to calendar](#)

We are particularly encouraged by the way in which many, many children are approaching the new Reflection Logs (the dark green books you will see them using every night at home). The detail that we are seeing and their perceptive comments and questions are making us evaluate how we can use the rich information this provides more effectively. If you want some guidance on what we expect to see in these logs please don't hesitate to contact us.

Finally I wanted to reiterate something I shared some months ago. Yesterday I had correspondence from a parent about an alleged issue that was supposed to have occurred at school the previous day. I was able to feedback that the gossip was "fake news" as we seem to call it now and had no basis in fact at all. As I said previously, if something serious was to happen on our school grounds, I promise to send out a message to all parents as quickly as possible to allay any fears and rumours that social media these days promotes. We pride ourselves in having excellent safeguarding processes embedded in everything we do and remain committed to ensuring that the school site is a safe place for your child to come and learn and be happy.

Reminder!

School equipment is available to buy from the library.

Basic stationery set £2.50

Includes: clear pencil case, green, blue, black pen, 2 pencils, eraser, sharpener, 15cm ruler, protractor, compass, highlighter



Currently recruiting

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Learning Support Assistants

30 hours per week, term-time plus 3 days
Monday-Friday: 8.45am-3.15pm with ½ hour lunch break and
½ hour per week meeting time
Salary: NJC Grade 5, Scale Point 14–17 (£17,681-£18,672
pro rata)

[More information](#)

Clerk to the District Board and Local Advisory Boards

Approximately 3 hours per week spread over the year
Some meetings will be in the evening but most will be in the
school day
Salary: Grade 6, Points 18 (£18,870 pro rata; actual salary
£1,271)

[More information](#)

X School Council

Apply now!

Would you like to be part of your school council?

School councillors meet with Miss Thomas and the school governors to discuss new ideas and put forward students' opinions.

School councillors meet every half term and report back to other students.

Application forms in the library

Duke of Edinburgh Awards and sign up evening

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On Thursday 20th September at 5pm there will be a Duke of Edinburgh awards ceremony and sign up evening at school. Pupils who have completed everything will be able to receive their award and badge. For pupils who are yet to complete the assessor reports please ensure they do before this day in order to receive their award.

For year 9s it is a chance for parents and pupils to see what DofE is about and sign up to the Bronze Award. If you are in year 10 or year 12 then you can sign up for the Silver Award (even if you did not do the Bronze.)

Participating in the DofE is great fun so come along to find out more and sign up!

Mr Hayden, teacher of PE

[What is a Duke of Edinburgh's Award?](#)



D of E 2018

Banbury Literary Live

Saturday 15th September
(from 12.30)

FREE

The Mill Arts Centre
Just turn up on day

Banbury Literary Live Programme of events

	ADULTS	14+	8-12	KIDS
12.30	Miriam Moss Girl on a Plane (Loudness: the story of a book) A Book Trust's Book Trust Book	Susie Frier Beach Dog (for ages 9+) Mystery and Adventure	Tom Cross Stoggap Animation (for the top 10%) Creative digital fun	Messy Read & Create (for 10-12 year olds) Create a play * Storytime
13.45	Tom George Mindfulness (for ages 10-12) Poetry & writing workshop	Joanna Kerrick Writing the Real Stuff (write about this or that issue) Creative writing workshop	Marcus Alexander Keeper of the Realms (classics series for boys & girls) Fantasy * Action * Adventure	Book Characters (for 10-12 year olds) Fun with your favourite characters
15.00	Gary Green Bombs for Breakfast (based on the story of PTSD) Hard hitting episode of war	James Stevenson Music by Numbers (for ages 10-12) Workshop for Music Education Hub	Hannah Young (RSC) A Christmas Carol (for families and ages 8+) Workshop on a Dickens classic	Ely Crowther Creative Play (for 10-12 year olds) Fun with music and dance
16.15	Michael Davies & Michael Blinn Tess the Musical (workshop for 10-12) Workshop of music & drama	Gwen Watkin Voiceovers (workshop for 10-12) The world of the voiceover	Melita Pratt Science Fun (for all ages) Wonders of Science	Jo Cottrell Electrigril (for ages 10-12) In 'Library of Lemons' and 'July'

Also visit the gallery for books & talks and outside activities

Ticket event (see Box Office): 19:00 – Comedian Jackie Hagan

For more info: www.literarylivelive.co.uk

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