



The Weekly Word

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A note from the Principal

We have reached that time of year when we need to reinforce our minimum expectations about uniform and equipment. Thank you to those parents who support our drive to maintain a smart and purposeful school. Our current concern is with a significant minority of girls who have chosen to wear the skirt but are wearing it inappropriately. We designed the skirt so that it could be worn at an appropriate length and this requires four buttons to be on show. Sadly, as with many teenage girls across the country, the trend is to roll the skirt up. In many cases this has now meant that buttons are missing. We are considering the option of asking that girls who do not meet our expectations in terms of the way in which our uniform is designed to be worn wear tailored trousers instead. We will monitor over the next two weeks and let individual parents know where students are failing to do as we ask.



[Link to calendar](#)

Job opportunity

For someone looking for a part time opportunity (maybe someone returning to work after maternity) we have an exciting 15 hour a week administrative assistant post coming up at Space Studio Banbury which we are advertising next week. Please look out for the advert on the website and /or Facebook



Dates for your diary:

- **Year 13 mock exams - Mon 4th March to Fri 15th March**
Timetable available on the website [here](#)
- **Parents' Evening Year 12 & 13 - Thursday 21st March**
- **Sixth Form application deadline- Friday 29th March**

Keep up to date with the latest information about what's going on in school.
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Students Visit NASA for a Trip of a Lifetime

Four very lucky students from Banbury Aspirations Campus Sixth Form earned the opportunity to visit NASA to see the American space industry located in Texas and Florida. They took off on 13th February and returned on 22nd February.



Toben, Soniya, Callum and Jonathan accompanied by Mr Sterland, had a wonderful trip and experienced what it is like to be working at the frontier of science, and to meet the engineers, scientists and astronauts who will take humanity to the moon, Mars and beyond.



Through reflecting on past successes and failures and looking to the future technologies the study visit will hopefully inspire the participants into reaching for the stars and being part of this new mission of exploration.

Soniya wrote this report:



My whole experience was full of adventure and exhilaration. I have learned a lot from this trip. All the engineers I have met and talked to has this passion and enthusiasm about

their career. Being around people with the same interests as me towards the space industry has influenced me to go ahead and has given me a knowledge of what I want to be doing in future. I feel really honoured to be part of this trip and been able to meet people like Dustin Neill, Robert D. Cabana (Director of Kennedy Space Centre) and David Alexander OBE. This kind of interaction with engineers and astronauts has broaden my knowledge and given me skills and confidence to able to talk with people about my passion.

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Here is **Callum's** report:

The trip to NASA with SEA was not only enjoyable, but also educational. With many visitors giving an insight of what it is like to work in the space industry, and interesting talks from Mike and Richard, I feel I have learnt so much that benefits my education with my A-Level choices. The trip has also inspired me to work much harder as I have seen what happens when you do through meeting people who have achieved their goals!



Jonathan wrote about the trip: *My trip to NASA was above and beyond what I could have hoped for. Throughout the journey I was provided with new information and knowledge that broadened my understanding of science, the space industry, and the potential of my own future. Every amazing person in each incredible place was a true inspiration to me; I learned that the cutting edge requires much of people working there; we are offered careers and opportunities for any variety of skills. I deepened my knowledge of NASA's history, hearing about many events as they were experienced from the ground. We met those who had entered space in person, and all the crucial people involved in getting them there.*



Mathematics

Congratulations to year 7 for using the PIXL timetable app during half term and achieving 3rd place, nationally, overall. Keep up the good work! - Miss Reddan



Matt The App @PiXLMattTheApp · Feb 24

timestable.pixl.org.uk - Hope everyone who had relaxing half term if yours was last week. Even with the break, students still found time for a little practise. Well done to those that cracked on with the app. The stats have now been reset. Let the competition begin again!



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National - weekly challenge:

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National - weekly challenge:

Rank	School name	Average per user
1	St James Hatcham CE Primary	517.8
2	Phoenix St Peter Academy	456.2
3	Gateway Primary Free School (The)	400.9

Primary schools - weekly challenge:

Rank	School name	Average per user
1	Lincoln Castle Academy	713.8
2	St Ursulas Convent School	414.3
3	Banbury Academy	367.8

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National Primary Competition

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National Secondary Competition

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1	Lincoln Castle Academy	713.8
2	St Ursulas Convent School	414.3
3	Banbury Academy	367.8

National All Through Competition

Rank	School name	Average per user
1	Merchants Academy	392.8
2	St Georges C of E Foundation School	367
3	Roundhay School	168.2

Work Experience

A huge thank you to everyone who has returned their work experience forms, I know the students are looking forward to their placements. There are still a small number of students who have not returned their forms, it is now two weeks past the deadline so I would ask these are completed and returned as a matter of urgency.

Thank you for your support with this - Mrs Foster

Year 9 Guided Choices

The deadline for returning your Guided Choices yellow forms is today, thank you to everyone who has returned them promptly. Delays in handing in the form may affect students' choices, so we are asking that all outstanding forms be returned as a matter of urgency.

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Term dates for 2019-2020 are now available [here](#) on the website.