



PARENT BULLETIN

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8th December 2023



Dear Parents & Carers

Many thanks to our Year 11 parent community for attending our progress evening on Thursday. It was a very well attended evening, with so much rich feedback given in light of the recent mock exams. By the end of this term, all year groups would have had their first data drop. If you have any queries about the reports, please use the link you were previously sent to submit your queries and feedback. Alternatively, you could contact your child's tutor or year head for further enquiries.

Next week, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Thornton, our PE teacher and Aspiring Head of Year 8. We wish him luck as he returns to the alternative provision sector. We also wish goodbye and good luck to Mrs Barrett as she embarks on her retirement. We also wish Mr Lambert the best of luck as he returns to Hailsham Community College and thank him for all the support he has given the History department. Lastly, Mrs Wilson leaves our Music department to head to Uckfield Community College. They will all be sorely missed. We are delighted to be fully staffed for January and will introduce their replacements in the new year, telling you something about them too.

Next week we host our Christmas fayre and our Music Concert on Tuesday 12th December. The houses will each be holding stalls to raise money for their house charities. We start from 4.30pm so, even if you can't make the concert, do come to the fayre for an hour.

Finally, a separate letter has gone about the end of term arrangements. Any queries, please direct to the year teams. We have two INSET days at the start of term 3, so all students return on Thursday 4th January 2024.

Have a great weekend all.

Best wishes

Mrs May

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Grappling with Grief

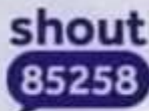
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COPING AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be tough. That's why it's important to know there's always someone you can talk to.



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🌐 mind.org.uk



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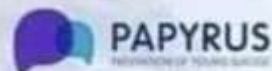
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📞 0800 58 58 58
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🌐 thecalmzone.net



📞 0800 068 4141
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Early Closure and end of term arrangements - Friday 15th December

Term 2 will end at lunch time and students will therefore be free to go home from 12.30pm. The students will be in normal lessons up until the end of the day. The end of the day will however be staggered to prevent traffic congestion on Broad Road. Please see the timings below. Please would everyone respect our neighbours and not block access to their homes and driveways.

The school buses cannot be rescheduled to run early and therefore students will need to make their own transport arrangements.

Year 7 – 12:30pm

Year 8 – 12:35pm

Year 9 – 12:40pm

Year 10 – 12:45pm

Year 11 – 12:50pm

Non-Uniform Day - Students have requested a non-uniform Christmas themed day. We are happy to meet this request and use this as an opportunity to raise money for our house charities. We aim to raise at least £1000 across all the charities. To enable this, please can we have a voluntary contribution, made via ParentPay only, by Thursday 14th December. We request a £1 charitable donation for Years 8-11.

Year 7 Disco from break to 12.30pm - £2 donations can be paid on ParentPay to cover the cost of the disco and charitable contribution for the non-uniform day.





Young people's creative evaluation of Eastbourne ALIVE - Paid opportunities to get involved!

Eastbourne ALIVE is an exciting programme of activities, events, and public artworks celebrating the Turner Prize 2023 coming to Eastbourne.

The research team leading the evaluation is looking for young people aged 13-25 in Eastbourne who want to get involved in December 2023 and January 2024. As well as getting some interesting experience, finding out about creative opportunities in Eastbourne, and showcasing your own creative skills, you'll receive payment (in the form of vouchers you can use at multiple retailers) for taking part - anything from £10 to £75 depending on your time and level of commitment.

You can get involved by:

- **Producing a creative journal/ scrapbook** - This involves recording your own thoughts, feelings, and experiences of Eastbourne ALIVE over 4-8 weeks, using creative methods such as photos, videos, creative writing or poetry, moodboards and mindmaps. You'll receive guidance on what to do and get a £15 voucher for submitting your scrapbook.
- **Being a community researcher/ storyteller** - You'll receive training on how to conduct interviews (using video, photos, audio, or written formats) with other young people in Eastbourne. For each interview you submit (maximum of 6) you'll receive a £10 voucher.

You can find out more and sign up here: <https://linktr.ee/eastbournealiveevaluation>

If you have any questions or need support with the sign up process, please contact natalia.sawicka@covi.org.uk



Congratulations to the following **Year 7** students who exceeded their Bedrock target over the last two weeks.

Charlie S	7AT2	316%
George I	7AT2	133%
Beau K	7AN1	133%
Kyle J-W	7AT2	133%

My Book Review by Violet C in Year 9

Warrior Cats, Into the Wild a fantasy book written by Erin Hunter.

What the blurb says:

"For generations, four clans of wild cats have shared the forest according to laws laid down by their ancestors. But the ThunderClan cats are in grave danger as the sinister ShadowClan grows stronger every day. In the midst of this turmoil appears a house cat called Rusty, who may turn out to be the bravest warrior of all."



Set in the New Forest, it follows the main characters as they experience a range of human emotions and personalities. This book is in a series, it is the first book out of 8 series (not including the super editions, graphic novels, mangas and guides). However, I think this book could be better if the map in the front of the book had some work done to it because it didn't look much like the forest. I would recommend that students who like to read books about animals read this series.

The Eastern Theatre Award

Devonshire Park Theatre Eastbourne

Carl Morris
as Malevolent

Tucker
as Tony Marr

Martyn Knight
as Grand Grand

Rebecca Gore
as Fairy Formidable



Kate Cochrane
as Belle

Blendan Hooper
as Jean James

Lewis Roberts
as the Prince

Written and Directed by David James - Choreography by Emma Webb - Musical Director - Carl Richmond

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THEATRE

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We are looking for young people who live in **Sussex and Buckinghamshire** and want to make things better for other people in their community.

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(Paid monthly, around £1,300 total)
Approx. 2 days a month
Feb - Sept 2024

We are a team of researchers with experience working alongside young people, who work for an organisation called The Centre for Education and Youth.

You'll work with us to research an issue or problem that has affected you and other people you know. Then you will meet with people in the local council to design a solution based on your research.

Find out more!
Whatsapp, call or email Abi -
07470346781, abi@cfey.org

We are especially keen to hear from you if you:

- are disabled, have a long-term health condition and/or are neurodivergent
- are care experienced
- are a young carer
- have been in trouble with the police.

We want to hear from people **aged 16-25** who have had difficult times and want to use their experiences to make change

If you would like to be one of our Young Experts, **please tell us about yourself using the link below.**

Get in touch before **Sunday 21st January 2024**

We will get back to you by **Friday 26th January** to let you know if we would like to chat to you more about the role and your interests.

These conversations will be online or over the phone, later in January.



Scan the QR code for more information or to apply



Our website: cfey.org

Click here for further information and an application form
<https://cfey.org/news-and-events/2023/12/looking-for-young-experts-2023/>

THIS WEEK



PE UPDATE

Well done to the students representing the school in different fixtures over the past few school days ...

Year 9 Girls Netball - winning 9-8 in a nail biting league game. Well done to Mia for being voted player of the match.

Year 8 Boys Football - winning 7-2 to go top of the local league.

Year 9 Boys Football - winning 9-0 in local league action.



It has been an absolute pleasure to take our student senior team to a school in Kent to share strategies on student leadership. The students were a credit to us and the other school students were so impressed with their maturity!