



16th January 2018

Dear parents,

We have taken a major step forward in getting the infrastructure in place to give information to parents, students and pupils on a range of devices including computers and smartphones. As you can imagine, this is a substantial undertaking, and so we will be rolling it out in stages over the next few months so that we can be testing out both the software and the information content. It will include information such as homework, timetable, detentions and report information and will be displayed directly on the device without needing to download a pdf. The next stages are to roll it out to 6th Form students, and then to their parents. Once that is stable, then we will roll it out to one year group at a time in main school.

Into the Upper School Evening

The Into the Upper School Introduction takes place on 18th January for Year 9. The evening allows pupils and parents to discuss GCSE options with teachers from the various subjects. Talks will take place in the hall at 6.00 and 7.00pm. A separate letter has been sent detailing the evening.

Parents' Evenings

The Year 9 Parents' Evenings take place for V band on 23rd January and for W band on 30th January. Please note that the evenings are arranged by teaching band rather than by tutor group band (X and Y) as that matches the teaching arrangements in Year 9, unlike Years 7 and 8 where pupils were taught in tutor groups. Please contact Ms Gray if you have any questions about appointments.

Sporting Update

The current extra-curricular timetable will continue for a few weeks until the light has improved. A new timetable will commence Monday 29th January and will run up until Easter.

Roadworks in Ashcombe Road

Anyone who has walked down Ashcombe Road on the south side in wet conditions will know how dangerous it is as a result of tree roots trapping the water into ponds, and forcing pedestrians into the road. Surrey County Council are doing a much-needed complete re-build of the pavement, but it will mean temporary traffic lights over the coming weeks. More details are in the attached leaflet from Surrey C.C.

Careers Guidance website

We have been forwarded details of a website that provides parents with advice about the career and education choices available to young people. University, apprenticeships, and long term career options are all covered in a dynamic site <https://ukcareers.ey.com/schools/career-advice/parental-advice>. We will continue to publish the Careers Newsletter that outlines monthly updates on opportunities that are forwarded to us. Our Career of the Month continues



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with January focussing on sports related careers. We have a talk on 16th January in S5 at 1.10pm that outlines the range of options available for a sports-related career.

Apprenticeship Fair- Wednesday 14th March

As an off-shoot of the Careers Fair, we are organising a specific apprenticeship focussed event on 14th March. The event will take place from 2.00pm through to 4.00pm. The event will be focussed on the various opportunities available through the growing range of apprenticeships. It will be relevant for some of Year 11 and the 6th form. We will be writing with further details over the coming weeks. We are looking for a full range of apprenticeships. Please contact Mr Panting on panting.chris@ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk if you are interested in taking part.

Music Concerts 2018

A wide variety of music concerts are planned for 2018, which are following a different format to previous years. Some highlighted dates for your diary are below – we hope to see lots of friends and family there supporting the pupils involved in these events:

14th March – Year 11 GCSE Concert

18th April – A-Level Recital Evening

1st May – Music Concert (all music extra-curricular clubs will be involved in this event)

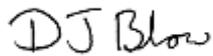
28th June – Cabaret Night

5th July – KS3 Concert

11th July – Year 10 GCSE Concert

The second leg of the French Exchange is currently underway with our pupils staying in Paris with their partners, so we wish them well and look forward to hearing about their experiences.

Yours sincerely,



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