

Weekly Communication update 28/05/21

<p>General Update</p>	<p>As this half term ends it is lovely to see the sun appearing - I thought it may have deserted us for good! I am hoping the weather will remain sunny during the half term and you all have a lovely break. Please see below a summary from IQM regarding Bensham Manor achieving Inclusion Quality Mark Status for the third time. https://iqmaward.com/news/bensham-manor-school-achieves-flagship-status-a-gain/ This week we had Wellbeing Wednesday which saw pupils doing a variety of activities to support their mental health and wellbeing. A lovely afternoon was had by all. I am still awaiting confirmation from The Old Pheasantry regarding the Year 10 residential. Will write to families when I know more. After-school clubs will run from week beginning June 7th until week ending July 9th (5 weeks). Any queries please email the school office. A reminder of Key Dates: Half term - May 31st to June 4th Work Experience for Year 11 - 7/18th June (some pupils have one week work experience which is the latter week) Mock Interview Day - 11th June First Aid/Employability sessions for Year 11 - June 21st. Year 11 Graduation - Thursday June 24th (Year 11 final day)</p>
<p>National Autistic Society Accreditation</p>	<p>We already hold this accreditation but we are now applying for the highest level which is advanced. Here is the link which tells you more about the benefits of being accredited: https://www.autism.org.uk/what-we-do/best-practice/accreditation If your child has a diagnosis of autism could you please complete the link below: https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BenshamManorSchoolFamilies/ by Tuesday June 9th at the latest. The following link is for pupils at Bensham Manor who are aged 16 or above: https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BenshamManorSchoolAutisticPersons/ If your child falls into this category could you please support them to complete this by the above date. Unfortunately, we are unable to support as it can only be supported by someone independent of the provision.</p>
<p>Free School meals</p>	<p>Vouchers are being issued today to cover the half-term and are to the value of £15. Please check your emails.</p>
<p>Stay and Play for pupils in Years 7/8</p>	<p>On Friday June 18th we are running an after school social afternoon for pupils. Pupils will have the opportunity to play outside, do some games, have some refreshments and watch a film. A letter is in your child's bag today. If your child is interested, please complete the slip on the letter and return after half-term. The cost is £5 and can be sent in with the reply slip. There will also be a session for Years 9 and 10 before the Summer holidays - more details to follow.</p>
<p>Parent What's app group</p>	<p>As part of our drive to develop communication there is now a parents whats app group. This is run by a Year 10 parent and the aim is to be a supportive group ensuring everyone keeps updated. If you would like to join this group please email your name, the name of your child and your mobile number to theoffice@benshammanor.com who will ensure you are added. Please note: If you decide to join this group, by joining you are agreeing to adhere to the following rules: Any general issues with the school - you must continue to contact the school in the usual way and not use this group to discuss You will not use the group to discuss issues with staff members or other pupils The group administrator has the right to remove you from the group</p>