

Weekly Communication update 11/06/21

Dear families,
Welcome to this week's Communication update.

<p>General Update</p>	<p>I hope that you all had a very enjoyable half term. Wasn't it lovely to have such fantastic weather. The forecast is for the sunny weather to continue into next week. Therefore, could you please provide your child with a hat and a water bottle and apply sunscreen before they come to school. Year 11's have completed all of the necessary work needed for their accreditations. I am so proud of all the hard work they have done.</p> <p>A number of Year 11 pupils are on work experience this week and next week all Year 11 pupils will be doing work experience. Year 10 work experience is the 5th to the 9th of July. Year 11's who are in school and Post 16 pupils are having a Mock Interview day today.</p> <p>The month of June is Pride month and also Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History month. As part of our drive to increase cultural and diversity awareness we are learning about these groups.</p> <p>Daniel Dera who is one of our Teaching Assistants leaves us next Friday June 18th to begin his teacher training. He will make an outstanding teacher and we wish him all the best.</p> <p>The planned Inset Day for June 25th has been cancelled as I used it on January 4th. School will run as normal that day.</p> <p>We have just been awarded Learning Outside the Classroom Silver Award - this award was led by one of our teaching staff Elaine Eaton. This award is important as it recognises our outstanding commitment to providing a range of different learning opportunities for pupils.</p>
<p>Lateral Flow Testing</p>	<p>Please continue to test your children at home on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. We remain a Covid free school and regular testing in conjunction with hands/face/space is the best way to keep our environment safe.</p>
<p>Year 10 Residential</p>	<p>Sadly. The Old Pheasantry are not offering any residentials in June so the Year 10 residential has had to be postponed. We have asked for a date in the first half of the Autumn term so please rest assured that your child will not miss out. Once I have a confirmed date I will write to you.</p>
<p>Year 7 and 8 Stay and Play</p>	<p>This session has proved incredibly popular. I am so looking forward to having fun with your children on the 18th. If you have yet to complete the form please do so by Monday at the latest. Collection from Bensham is at 5.45pm prompt please.</p>
<p>Arts Award Sharing afternoon for families of pupils in Year 9</p>	<p>This takes place at 2pm on Friday June 25th here at Bensham Manor. You will have the opportunity to see your child's Arts Award work in the areas of Textiles, Music, Art and Drama. Invitations to follow.</p>
<p>Year 11 Graduation</p>	<p>Thursday June 24th is Year 11 Graduation. Please arrive by 10.30am for a 10.45am start. Your child will travel with you on this day - there will be no transport. Following the ceremony there will be refreshments and an opportunity for yourselves and your children to say goodbye to individual staff members and their friends. This is always a very emotional time (I always shed a tear!) so you may need to bring some tissues. Please note, I am awaiting the Government announcement to see if the last of the lockdown restrictions will be lifted by the 21st of June. If there is a delay I will need to limit the amount of people who</p>

	attend the graduation ceremony. I will be limiting attendance to two family members per child. Apologies for any inconvenience but I have to prioritise the safety of the site.
Key Dates	Year 11 Graduation - June 24th Year 10 Outings Day - June 29th Years 7/8/9/Outings Day - July 8th Post 16 Graduation - July 9th Sports Day - July 16th Final day of term - July 22nd 1.30pm finish