

**Weekly Communication update 18/06/21**

Dear families,

Welcome to this week's Communication update. It will now include an update about what year groups are doing each week.

<p><b>General Update</b></p>	<p>What a difference a week makes! From sun to rain - fingers crossed the weather picks up. Year 11 work experience has gone so well this week and we have had glowing reports of our students. Year 10 families please ensure you are looking for a placement with your child and liaising with Sue Card, Work Experience coordinator.</p> <p>This week the following year groups have engaged in these activities:          Year 7 have been learning how to use an oven in Lifeskills Cooking and learning about Jewish weddings in RE.          Year 8 have been making pancakes in Lifeskills Cooking and are experimenting with Cyanotypes in Textiles.          Year 9 are learning how to build a Database in CDM and are studying Gothic Horror in English.          Year 10 have been learning how to cook fish cakes in Food Technology and have been working on their Me, Myself and I project in Textiles.          Post 16 have been at college on Wednesday and at work experience on Thursday.</p> <p>If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket for our big prize draw, first prize is cream tea at Harrods, then please ask your child to see Philip at school and he will sell them a raffle ticket. The cost is £1 per strip and the proceeds are being divided equally between the charity Concern and towards funding our new on site cafe. The draw takes place on June 30th.</p> <p>If you bring your child to school by car can you please ensure that you park your car and then let your child out. There have been a few instances of cars stopping in the middle of the road - this is highly dangerous and your child could be seriously injured by a passing vehicle.</p> <p>We have reintroduced mindfulness for pupils - this was very successful in lockdown and they will currently have a weekly session on Thursday.</p>
<p><b>Lateral Flow Testing and Covid update</b></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. However, Covid cases are rising in schools across Croydon so we must all remain vigilant. The media has reported that the new Covid variant presents with different symptoms to the three main Covid symptoms. The Government however has not changed its current guidance on what the main Covid symptoms are - cough, loss of taste and smell and a high temperature. My advice would be if your child is in any way ill please err on the side of caution and do not send them to school. Many thanks.</p>
<p><b>Year 7 and 8 Stay and Play</b></p>	<p>This is happening today and there are 27 pupils staying which is incredible. Lots of lovely activities planned. Please collect your child at 5.45pm sharp - you may park in the staff car park and the children will be brought out to you..</p>
<p><b>Years 9 and 10 Stay and Chill session</b></p>	<p>As the Year 7/8 Stay and Play proved so popular I am offering a Year 9 session called Stay and Chill. This will take place on Monday June 28th from 3-5.45pm and the cost is £5.00. Your child will be offered some nice activities and will have the opportunity to socialise with friends. Letters going in pupils bags today.</p>
<p><b>Year 11 update</b></p>	<p>Thursday June 24th is Year 11 Graduation. It will be a socially distanced event which will take place outside. Please arrive by 10.30am for a</p>

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. Each child is able to bring 2 guests. Please do not exceed this amount. Please do not attend if you have any Covid symptoms.

Friday June 25th is the official leaving date. This day is reserved for pupils to return to school to collect any work they would like to take home. If your child would like to do this then please contact the office who will give you a time slot. Additionally, next week your child will be given a pack of work that they can do at home over the next few weeks.

**Key Dates**

Year 11 Graduation - June 24th  
 Year 10 Outings Day - June 29th  
 Years 7/8/9/Outings Day - July 8th  
 Last week of after school clubs - wk beginning July 5th  
 Post 16 Graduation - July 9th  
 Sports Day - July 16th  
 Final day of term - July 22nd 1.30pm finish

**Defibrillators**

Bensham Manor now has two defibrillators. We are absolutely delighted as they have proved to be vital pieces of living saving medical equipment.

