

**Weekly Communication update 17/09/21**

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>Another week has flown by at Bensham Manor School. Year 8 and Year 9 pupils visited Colourscape on Clapham Common this week as part of their Textiles Curriculum. They had an amazing time. The Textiles Department now has an Instagram account where you can see pupils work:</p> <p><b><a href="#">bensham_manor_textiles</a></b></p> <p>This account is to celebrate the wonderful work that KS3 &amp; KS4 students do in Textiles coupled with sharing good practice with other artists, designers, and educators.</p> <p>We will not be posting any images of our pupils themselves, only their work.</p> <p>Developing pupils' cookery skills is a big part of our school's offer. Debbie Cahour, who teaches Life Skills Cooking, has made some videos and created recipes and added them to Google Classroom. You can look at these with your child and try some of the recipes at home.</p> <p>The council have been in touch to say that any family in receipt of free school meals will be given a £15 voucher to cover the October half term. We will email these to you on Friday October 22nd.</p> <p>I am sure you will all have heard by now that 12-15 year olds are to be <b>offered</b> one dose of the Pfizer Vaccine and it will likely be administered in school for ease. Please do not contact us at this stage with any questions. <b>Once I have more information regarding this I will let you know.</b></p> <p>Pupils have been working incredibly hard this week:</p> <p>Year 7 - In English the topic is <i>Myself</i> - so the pupils are learning how to write an autobiography about themselves and learning about the talents and interests of all those in their class. In Art they are learning about <b>Portraits</b> and how to create our own self portrait using drawing and photography</p> <p>Year 8 - In RE they are learning about places of Worship - Students will be comparing 2 different places of worship ( Church &amp; Mosque), students will consider the practices surrounding the artifacts that are used in worship, what they mean to the believers and the community. In Art they are learning about Objects and Viewpoints. They will explore drawing from life and create their own Still Life images. They will also make a polyblock reduction print about this work</p> <p>Year 9 - In PSHE they are studying Identity and friendships - recognising personal qualities and learning about healthy/unhealthy friendships. In Geography they are looking at taking a role in responsibility - Mps, PMs, Voting, suffragettes and much more</p> <p>Year 10 - In Maths Year 10's are learning to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions and simplify their answers. In Geography they are learning about tourism.</p> <p>Year 11- In Childcare Year 11 have been looking at different family groups and in English they are preparing for their speaking and listening assessment. 11EE has their first college link day today.</p> <p>Wishing you all a lovely weekend.</p> <p>Post 16 - Have started their College transition programme this week together with their work experience.</p>
<p><b>Lateral Flow Testing and Covid update</b></p>	<p>All pupils for whom we had consent for testing have now had their 2 lateral flow tests on site. Please now continue to test your children at home twice weekly using the kits we sent home on Wednesday. You should test your children on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The rules on self-isolation changed on August 16th - the main change is as</p>

	<p>follows:</p> <p>Self-Isolation:</p> <p>If someone you live with has symptoms of Covid 19 or has tested positive for Covid 19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:</p> <p>You are fully vaccinated ( 14 days since you second dose)</p> <p>You are under 18 years and 6 months old</p> <p>You are taking part of have taken part in a Covid vaccine trial</p> <p>You are exempt from vaccination for medical reasons</p>
<b>Exam Access Arrangements</b>	<p>Pupils in Year 11 will be receiving a letter regarding Examination Access Arrangements - please ensure that you sign and return this letter promptly. Many thanks.</p>
<b>Parent/carer WhatsApp Group</b>	<p>If you would like to join this group please email the office on <a href="mailto:theoffice@benshammanor.com">theoffice@benshammanor.com</a> with your name, your child's name and the phone number you would like to use.</p>
<b>Uniform and items of clothing</b>	<p>Can you please make sure that you write/sew/iron on your child's name to their clothing please. We have many items of unnamed clothing in lost property.</p>
<b>PE</b>	<p>Please check your child's timetable to see when they have PE lessons. On the days they have PE, please ensure that they come to school in their PE kit - they do not need to wear school uniform on PE days.</p>
<b>Kidwizz</b>	<p>Thank you for your patience this week whilst the cookery contribution and clubs were loaded onto the Kidwizz app. You are now able to make payment. Many thanks.</p>
<b>After School Clubs</b>	<p>Please ensure that you inform transport if your child is staying at school for club. We have some spaces left in a few clubs - Baking Club; Film Club;French Club; Drama Club and Sensory Club. If your child is interested in one of these clubs but is not in the Year group that the club is advertised for please contact the school office as we still may be able to accommodate your child.</p>
<b>Christmas Fayre-Save the date!</b>	<p>Bensham Manor will be holding its first ever Christmas Fayre on Saturday November 27th 10-2pm. More information to follow.</p>
<b>Contact details</b>	<p>If you have a new email address/telephone number then please ensure that you contact the office to update your details. Please do this via email to: <a href="mailto:theoffice@benshammanor.com">theoffice@benshammanor.com</a>. By law we must have the contact details for 2 adults for each child. Thank you.</p>