

Dear Parents/Carer

I would like to start my bulletin this week by saying good luck to Hannah, Benji , George, Oliver, Matthew and Sam who will be competing against students from across the UK in the Big Bang Competition (engineering category). Their concept is a small scale hydroelectric device which fits onto sink wastes to provide an additional renewable energy source for homes, schools and businesses. One small device only produces a small amount of electricity but if all homes and businesses were fitted with them it could produce a large amount of electricity. They've worked with the director of drinking water at South West Water to refine their original designs and also sought advice from Arconic Exeter to get their prototype design 3D printed. If they win there are cash prizes and even the opportunity to attend international science competitions abroad next year. They've been working on the project since the start of year 10 fitting it in around normal school work and upcoming GCSE's so deserve a big well done for getting so far and we wish them all the best for next week.

Thank you to the History department for giving so many of our students the opportunity to attend exam workshops.

Also thank you for all the time the drama department has put into helping our students prepare for their drama performances this week.

On Thursday 21st March we have a guest presenter coming in to run a session on Anxiety Management - This session will help to support with stress and anxiety management for revision, exams and beyond. A range of practical hints and tips will be discussed which I hope students will be able use. It will take place from 3.30-4.30pm in the school hall and all students are invited, all they need to do is sign up with their tutors. Parents are welcome to come along too. If you are interested in attending get your child to sign up for you.

We have had a bit of an outbreak of piercings and heavy make up in the year group. Just a reminder that students are only allowed to wear a single stud in each ear and have no other piercings. If students have their noses pierced (even clear ones) they will asked to remove the studs, if this happens repeatedly their nose stud will be confiscated. Also only subtle make up is allowed (no false eyelashes please!) and no false nails. Thank you for your support in this.

I have lost count of the number of times I have been told by staff this week that students are working hard and really focusing in lessons. They seem to be taking things really seriously now and I hope their hard work pays off.

Kind regards,
Kelly Tarlowski