



The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 9 November 2020

Welcome to our Families' Bulletin. For more details regarding any of the information below, please click on the links or visit our website: <https://www.themisbourne.co.uk/601/newsletters>

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Pride is our value of the week next week, and it is probably the emotion that I experience most often when I reflect on events in school. Just this week, I felt really proud to be invited into a Year 7 lesson where students were being wowed by the wonders of science as they watched the reaction of certain chemicals to heat. I was equally delighted to see so many families join the virtual Making the Grade evening for Year 11 students last night, proud to belong to such a supportive community that wants to help every student achieve their best.

As you will read on the next page, three of our students have been awarded for their outstanding photography skills and they should feel very proud of their achievements. Earlier in the week, we had a professional photographer on site to capture new images for our website and prospectus and I was proud of the excellent manner in which our students conducted themselves - and excited to see the obvious pride that they took in showing off The Misbourne at its best.

We will be talking to students in assemblies in the coming week about Pride and the importance of being proud of who they are, what they stand for and how much they achieve every day. I think the following quotation sums it up quite well for us and will also be shared with students next week:

*"Allow yourself to be proud of your achievements and all the progress you have made...
even for the things that no-one else has seen".*

Best wishes for a relaxing weekend,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jo Meloni".

Jo Meloni

School Notices

Hot Chocolate with the Head

It has been wonderful to have all year groups back in school this week and to have had the opportunity to catch up on the Hot Chocolate with the Head celebrations that had to be postponed from last half term. Ms Meloni has enjoyed three separate socially-distanced celebrations with students from Year 9, Year 10 and the Sixth Form during this week. Congratulations to all of the nominees.



Year 9 Hot Chocolate with the Head nominees

Updating personal information:

If you have any changes to your personal contact information, such as a different email address or telephone number, please can you ensure that you let your child's school base know. It is important that we have the correct details on file so we can reach you. The email addresses for the school bases are:

Attenborough Attenboroughschool@themisbourne.co.uk
Franklin Franklinschool@themisbourne.co.uk
Holmes Holmesschool@themisbourne.co.uk
Turing Turingschool@themisbourne.co.uk

We also need to ensure that the photography consents we have on file are up-to-date for all our students. If you have not already done so, please would you take a few minutes with your child to complete [this short form](#).

Covid-19 Information Hub

A reminder that we have created a dedicated Covid-19 Information page on our website. This is in the Families section, but can also be accessed directly from the home page, [here](#). We will continue to update this page as guidance evolves.

Photographic success

Congratulations to three Misbourne students whose photography talents were recognised at the Chesham Photographic Club annual Schools' Phonepix Competition. Chloe S in Year 10 (Attenborough) won first prize in the 'faceless portraits' category with her image, 'Bookworm'. Rayan O in Year 11 (Turing) achieved third place with his image and Katie T in Year 11 (Holmes) was highly commended for her image, 'Forks'.

Driving to The Misbourne

We recognise that the roads around The Misbourne and in and out of Great Missenden are increasingly congested at the moment as a result of the many roadworks in the local area. To help ease the congestion and make the area safer for our students, families who drive children to school may like to consider parking a little further away and allowing students to walk five minutes to school. Please [click here](#) for a map that shows the 5-minute walk radius from the academy.

Year Group-Specific Notices

WHOLE SCHOOL

Week commencing 09.11.2020 is timetable Week B.

Face Masks: May we remind families that students are required to bring their own personal face mask to school every day. These need to be worn at all times when students are indoors, including in the café, hall and other indoor communal areas. The only exception to this is during lessons and when eating and drinking.

YEAR 7

Homework schedule: This week, students will receive 30 minutes' homework in each of these subjects: English, Maths, Science, History, MFL and Philosophy.

YEAR 8

Homework schedule: This week, students will receive 30 minutes' homework in each of these subjects: English, Maths, Science, Geography, MFL, DT/Food and Art.

YEAR 11

Making the Grade evening: Thank you to all the families that were able to join our two Making the Grade evenings, on 22 October and 5 November. For anyone that missed either evening, the presentations will be available on our website within the next week.

Sixth Form Open Evening: Date for your diary! Our virtual Open Evening for prospective sixth formers will be taking place at 5.30pm on Thursday 26 November. Hear from current Sixth Formers about their experiences, learn about the range of courses on offer and take your chance to ask any questions you may have about life in The Misbourne Sixth Form. More details about how to join the Open Evening will be available on our website nearer the time.

SIXTH FORM

Year 12 and 13 Making the Grade evening: As we are unable to welcome families into school at the moment, this event will be held virtually on our website from 5.30pm on Thursday 12 November. A link will be made available from the home page of our website to all the subject-specific presentations on 12 November. We would encourage as many families as possible to watch the presentations to understand what your child will be studying during Sixth Form and how you can best support them to maximise their chances of success.

Team-building activity: Due to the new lockdown restrictions limiting groups off site from different households to pairs, our outdoor offsite team building activity planned for the morning of Wednesday 11 November will be postponed to Wednesday 9 December.

Year 13

The deadline for students to send their second UCAS personal statement to their form tutors is Wednesday 11 November. We encourage all students to complete UCAS applications in November and December ahead of the formal 15 January deadline.

Community Notices

LOCAL TRAFFIC UPDATES

Missenden Road to Chesham

The road closure has been extended to 23 December due to 'unexpected additional layers to the spaghetti layout of pipes'. The works are to replace an underground culvert as part of a flood prevention scheme. GMVA Chair, Jill Stiel, has requested a traffic light system instead of the current full road closure.

Footway Repairs

Repairs to the footway between Misbourne School coach exit and the fire station started on 26 October and are expected to last for approximately four weeks. There will be temporary traffic lights from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

Buckinghamshire Family Learning

Buckinghamshire Family Learning is running a free virtual workshop providing tips and advice on how to build confidence and self-esteem in your child. The workshop will take place on Monday 23 November from 12.30pm-2.30pm. For more information , please [click here](#).