



The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

12.07.21

Welcome to our Families' Bulletin for week commencing 12 July 2021. For more details regarding any of the information below, please click on the links or visit our website [here](#).



Headteacher's message

It was wonderful to see so many **Year 6** families in our virtual Welcome Event on Wednesday evening. While we were very sorry not to have welcomed students and their families into school, it was great, however, to see them online and we know from the feedback we've received that the students particularly enjoyed the chance to meet their new forms and form tutors. They look like they are going to be a wonderful year group and we cannot wait to get to know them more, especially with so many joining our summer school in August.

Also this week, we had a **Year 12** Careers Day and a Higher Education and Apprenticeship evening. Thanks go to Mrs Hill and other staff for their quick thinking to re-arrange some of the planned activities,

which were impacted by COVID and self-isolation. If nothing else, this past year has taught us to expect the unexpected and to always have a plan B, C and D!

It will be an exciting time for us next week as we have a film crew in capturing what it means to be part of our Misbourne Family for our new **video prospectus**. We have a large number of students involved, ready to share examples of how our core values underpin our Misbourne culture. I have no doubt that all our students will be on fine form and looking their usual smart selves to show our academy at its very best.

You will no doubt have heard the news that once we officially move into Stage 4 of the **COVID** plan, many of the restrictions we have had to adhere to will be opening up. I and the leadership team will review what this might mean for us for the last three days of term, alongside our plans for September, which is likely to include a staggered start, similar to what we did after Easter, to accommodate some on-site testing. I will write to you next week with further details.

It would be remiss of me to sign off without a mention of the **football** on Sunday. Whether football is your thing or not, everyone I have spoken to says they cannot help but get caught up in the positive emotions that England getting into the final has brought us. I have had great joy chatting to students about it all week, particularly as it is a win-win situation for me being half Italian! That didn't go down too well with some I can tell you! Let's hope for a good match and not too many sore throats from shouting at the TV come Monday morning willing the England team on.

With best wishes,

Jo Meloni



Hot chocolate with the Head

Only one student could join me for their reward this week but, as they say, it is quality not quantity that counts! Murray and I spent a lovely break time discussing the merits and pitfalls of intrinsic and extrinsic rewards this week.

Congratulations go to all of our eight nominated Year 10 students who continue to demonstrate The Misbourne values, setting an excellent example to younger students. Many congratulations to them all.



Whole school notices

Week commencing 12.07.21 is timetable week A.

Attendance

If your child is unwell or unable to attend lessons for any other exceptional or unavoidable reason, please let us know by 8.30am in the usual way each morning (by emailing attendance@themisbourne.co.uk). For all other correspondence about your child, please continue to use the relevant school base email account so we can achieve consistency and clarity of communication.

Covid-19

Work for self-isolating students

As a result of having six confirmed cases of Covid-19 reported amongst our student body this week, students identified as close contacts are isolating for 10 days. Lesson work for all self-isolating students is being set via Satchel:One. Students should access their accounts online in the usual way and complete the work following their normal daily timetable. If any student has problems accessing their work they should contact their school base in the first instance.

At home lateral flow testing

Please may we remind families of the vital importance of continuing to ensure that all participating students carry out lateral flow tests **twice weekly** at home and upload their results onto

www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result. Please notify the school immediately if your child receives a positive test result.

Home testing kits will be given to all consenting students on Monday to take home. The kit will contain seven tests, enough to take them till the end of term. Any student that misses the opportunity to receive their test kit on Monday may collect a kit from reception or the medical room throughout the week.



All information and guidance relating to Covid-19 in our school environment is in the [Covid-19 Information Hub](#) on our website.

Assemblies from Thames Valley Police

Next week, and in line with many other schools taking a pro-active approach across the country, Thames Valley Police will be visiting school to give assemblies to students in Years 8, 9 and 10 on the subject of Peer-on-Peer Abuse. We want all of our students to know and understand what it means and what is and that is not acceptable. Most importantly, students need to know where and who to go to for support and advice should they ever need it both within and outside school. We recognise that this may be an upsetting subject for some students and form tutors will be speaking to their forms more about this subject to help address any concerns they may have. If you have any concerns about your child attending the assembly, please contact their school base to let them know.

Oxwell student survey

The Misbourne has signed up to take part in the 'OxWell Student Survey', which aims to help schools to support their students' mental wellbeing. Please read through the [information letter](#) for families, and for more information about the OxWell project see the reaserch team's website here: <https://www.psych.ox.ac.uk/research/schoolmentalhealth> and answers to Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.psych.ox.ac.uk/research/schoolmentalhealth/faqs>

All students will be invited to complete the survey in school over the next two weeks unless you contact their school base to opt-out your child.

Cafe payments

Please can families ensure that their child's ParentPay account is kept topped up with sufficient money for cafe purchases. Our caterers have reported that a number of students have recently tried to buy food without enough credit on their account, which causes difficulty for the caterers and

disappointment for the student. If a student no longer has sufficient credit on ParentPay, they will not be able to make a purchase.

Year group-specific notices

YEAR 7

Homework schedule: Please [click here](#) to see the homework timetable for the Summer term.

YEAR 8

Homework schedule: Please [click here](#) to see the homework timetable for the Summer term.

YEAR 11

Foundation Day: We are pleased to be able to offer a Foundation Day for our internal Sixth Form applicants on Friday 16 July. Please [click here](#) to read the letter from Mr Dwight with more information.

YEAR 12

UCAS Applications - student and family support: please [click here](#) to read a letter from the Sixth Form team on the many ways we can support Year 12 students and their families with UCAS applications.



Friends of The Misbourne



Second-hand clothing collection - Monday 19 July

A reminder that Friends of The Misbourne is running a textile collection with Bag2School on **19 July 2021** in order to raise money for the school. As well as raising much-needed funds, it also helps the environment by keeping unwanted clothes out of landfill.

Simply use a black bin bag, or any other large bag that you have at home, fill it with adults' and children's clothes, shoes, hats, belts, handbags and soft toys and then bring it to school on collection day. See the full list of accepted items [here](#). Please note, all items must be good quality.

Families will be able to drop off their donations via a drive-thru on The Misbourne's coach road between **9am - 11am on Monday 19 July**. Please do not come outside these hours as the gates will be locked. If you can't make it to school during these hours, please consider co-ordinating dropping your bags with another family so they can be delivered in one car. Alternatively, if you would like to arrange a weekend drop-off, please email misbournepta@hotmail.co.uk

Further details are on FOTM's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/friendsofthemisbourne) and on the Bag2School website: www.bag2school.com.



Community Notices

Summer Fun Festival

Buckinghamshire Council is running a FREE Summer Fun Festival for students aged 11 years and older. Please [click here](#) for more information about how to join one of the virtual or face-to-face events that are taking place over the Summer holiday.



Join us for our Summer Fun Festival
for young people 11 years plus

Looking for something to do this summer holiday?

Want to feel better about going back to school, college or work in September?

Why not come along to one of our **free** virtual or face-to-face fun events.

Get involved in

- fun activities
- meeting new people
- learning how to feel good about yourself

Scan the QR code to find out more.



Book your place before **Tuesday 20 July 2021**
email earlyhelpduty@buckinghamshire.gov.uk



A message from Great Missenden Parish Council

Prestwood Common is a fabulous community asset used over the years by countless local children from all the schools in the area for Beavers, Brownies, Scouts, Prestwood Colts football etc. It is little known, however, that the common is effectively split in half, with one half owned by the Parish Council, and the other owned by Bucks County Council.

We are in talks with Bucks CC about transferring custodianship of the ground to the Parish Council. This would enable us to plan for the next phase of improvements and chase funding for sporting and recreational facilities on the combined Rec and Common. In the past 12 months, on "our side" of the common we have been able to improve the community centre, put in place a walking/running track around the perimeter, and add extra seating.

A big 'Thank You' to the 300 plus individuals who have already supported our petition in favour of your local Parish Council assuming ownership of Prestwood Recreation Ground.

Everyone working, studying or living across the entire Parish, from Heath End to Ballinger, is eligible to support this community cause! This opportunity to help influence this local issue ends on **23 July**, so if you haven't already, please consider signing the petition online now, via:

<https://greatmissendenpc.co.uk/prestwood-recreation-ground/>

Thank you for your support.

CLlr Catherine Bunting



Notice of Temporary Roadworks

H2S has informed us of temporary roadworks locally in July. Please [click here](#) for full details.