



The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

13.09.21

Welcome to our Families' Bulletin for week commencing 13 September 2021. For more details regarding any of the information below, please click on the links or visit our website [here](#).



Headteacher's message

It has been wonderful to welcome all year groups back on site this week. The easing of Covid restrictions means that we have been able to return to our 'usual' timetable and it is lovely to see all year groups coming together in their small school assemblies and socialising at break and lunch times.

Speaking of lunch, students and staff alike have given our new catering team, Accent Catering, a warm welcome. They have revamped our cafe, giving it a fresh new look as a Bistro, and are providing a range of delicious fresh meals daily.

I am delighted to report that The Misbourne has been named a Microsoft Incubator Showcase School for this academic year - the first school in Buckinghamshire to receive this accolade. This is a fabulous achievement, spearheaded by our CL for Computer Science and IT, Mrs Alani. It will mean that The Misbourne joins a global community of schools engaged in digital transformation to improve teaching

and learning. Showcase Schools create immersive and inclusive experiences that inspire lifelong learning, stimulating development of essential life skills so students are empowered to achieve more. We look forward to the many benefits and exciting opportunities that our students will receive via this programme over the course of the next few years.

I hope our Year 13 students and their families benefitted from our virtual Making the Grade evening last night. This included important information on how to maximise students' progress in Year 13 as well as looking ahead to university and careers options. We recognise that Year 13 is a critical year for helping students to make decisions about their future and we urge our students and their families to make the most of the many information events that will occur in the coming months to fully understand their options.

Finally, this week saw the launch of our new class reader programme. It goes without saying how important regular reading is and the positive impact it has on our vocabulary, understanding, fluency and academic achievement. We also know that you can achieve so much joy from reading and how taking the time out to sit and read can be beneficial to our mental health and wellbeing. I look forward to sharing with you the progress made by students reading with us four times a week but in the meantime, why not take a moment to ask your child about their reading next week and perhaps even start a book with them at home?

I wish you all a relaxing weekend.

Jo Meloni



Whole school notices

Week commencing 13.09.21 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 each morning they are off school by emailing attendance@themisbourne.co.uk.

For all other correspondence about your child, please use the relevant school base email account so we can achieve consistency and clarity of communication. The email addresses for each school base are:

- Attenborough: attenboroughschool@themisbourne.co.uk
- Franklin: franklinschool@themisbourne.co.uk
- Holmes: holmesschool@themisbourne.co.uk
- Turing: turingschool@themisbourne.co.uk

Open Evening - tour guides

We are delighted to be able to host our Open Evening for prospective students and their families in person this year. It will take place on Thursday 23 September, from 5pm-8pm.

Our students are our best ambassadors and we are asking all Year 8 and Year 12 and 13 students to volunteer as tour guides for the evening. All guides will need to be available from 4.15pm until the end of the evening at 8.00pm. If your child is willing to be a guide, please complete this short [consent form](#) to permit them to be in school.

Please do spread the word about our Open Evening to any interested families. They should sign up to attend via the Joining Us page of our website: <https://www.themisbourne.co.uk/1979/open-events-2021>

Extra-curricular sports clubs

Our programme of extra-curricular sports clubs begins from 13 September. The timetable is available on our website, [here](#). Students interested in participating are welcome to turn up and join in.

Covid-19 information

Face masks

For those students travelling to and from school on a bus/coach, it is still a requirement to wear a mask whilst onboard. The driver may refuse to allow you on if you do not have one.

Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs)

A reminder that the Government is asking all secondary school students to conduct an LFT at home twice weekly. All students have been supplied with a pack of test kits for this purpose. These tests ought to be spaced at least three days apart each week, such as every Wednesday and Sunday. Students should upload their results onto www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result. Please notify the school immediately via covid@themisbourne.co.uk if your child receives a positive test result.

The rules around self isolation changed in August. Please note the following DoH advice about when to self isolate.

When you do not need to self-isolate

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:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:

- get a [PCR test on GOV.UK](#) to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#)
- consider limiting contact with [people who are at higher risk from COVID-19](#)

From Monday 16 August, people who are double jabbed or aged under 18 will no longer be legally required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. The change was announced last month, as part of step 4 of the government's COVID-19 roadmap. With 75% of people having received both doses of the vaccine, the majority of adults will no longer need to self-isolate if they are contacts.

Careers in Technology event

Young Professionals is running an online Careers in Technology Evening on Wednesday 15th September, 5:00pm – 7:00pm. This event is open to all students in Years 10-13.

We will be joined by some of the most well-known and fastest-growing tech companies in the world, in IBM, VMware, World Wide Technology, Vodafone and Experian. No matter the career you decide to go into you will undoubtedly be involved with technology, so this event is a fantastic chance to get ahead of the crowd, start learning about this fascinating, ever-evolving industry and ultimately help you decide whether it's a path you'd like to pursue.

We will hear talks on the power of 5G and connectivity with Vodafone, cloud storage with IBM and big data with Experian and lots of other really interesting topics!

Certificates will be awarded to those who attend the event.

To apply, please click on the registration link below.

Registration Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Technology-15th-September>



School transport: New Wycombe-Misbourne bus route

A parent of a Misbourne student has offered to put on an additional bus route into school. The route is not organised by the school or Buckinghamshire Council but it may be helpful for some families. The route is:

Chairborough Road (High Wycombe) - Rutland Avenue - New Road - Cressex Road - Desborough Avenue - Desborough Road - Victoria Street - West Wycombe Road A40 - The Pastures (Downley) - Hughenden Avenue - Hughenden Road (A4128) - Cryers Hill (Great Kingshill) - Cockpit Road - Heath End Road - Windsor Lane (Little Kingshill) - Nag's Head Lane Great Missenden - The Misbourne

If you are interested, please email the driver directly at the following address kamal7862010@live.co.uk

Year group-specific notices

YEAR 11

Making the Grade Evening (Core subjects): this will take place in the Main Hall on Thursday 16 September from 17.20-19.00. All students are encouraged to attend. In order to ensure that we can accommodate as many families as possible, please may we ask that students are accompanied by only one parent or carer.

Community Notices

Monday after school café is back!

Open until 4:30pm. All welcome - activities include: Table tennis, games consoles, guitars, card games, space to relax plus free refreshments and snacks!

Venue: The Misbourne Café / Bistro

Thames Valley Police has asked us to share this information with our families about a free virtual workshop about online exploitation. To apply for a free place, please click on one of the dates and complete the form: [Tuesday, 5th October 2021](#) - 10am to 11.30am [Tuesday, 18th November 2021](#) - 10am to 11.30am



Multisports Amersham and Chorleywood has asked us to notify our families about classes for this term. Please see their [flyer](#) for more information.

Walk-in Covid Vaccinations: Hughenden Valley Pharmacy has asked us to highlight that, in line with government guidelines, it is running walk-in Covid vaccination clinics for 16 & 17 year olds (first dose only) as well as for adults (first and second dose).

It is administering the Pfizer vaccine only. The walk-in clinics run on Thursdays and Fridays between 0900 & 1730 hours and there is ample parking on site.