



The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 14 September 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

As we come to the end of our first full week back with all students in school, I'd like to thank our whole community for its support.

Our systems are working well. In order to keep everyone safe, we need to continue to work as a community. Can I therefore please ask that you remind your child of the following:

- Students should maintain a social distance from adults at all times (ideally 2 metres).
- Students should maintain a social distance from each other where possible, including when leaving the school site, walking down the High Street, at the station etc.
- Students must adhere to our one-way system on the school site at all times.

In other news, we had our first 'virtual' event of the year on Thursday - our Year 7 Welcome Evening - and were delighted that the majority of families could join us. If anyone missed it, links to the presentations can be found later in this bulletin and via the Year 7 Families page of our website.

Finally, we are changing the way you contact the school about your child so that your query can go directly to your child's new school (Attenborough, Franklin, Holmes or Turing) team. See page 3 for details.

Have a safe and relaxing weekend.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'J. Meloni'.

Ms Jo Meloni

Welcome from Friends of the Misbourne

Welcome back and welcome all new parents! We're really excited about being back and kicking off our fundraising efforts again. Obviously we've some challenges to overcome so we're busy planning and plotting new ways to support the school.

This year we will be hosting a virtual AGM (Zoom) on **Wednesday 7th October 2020** from 6.30pm until 7.30pm. Naturally, each academic year we lose committee members due to their children leaving The Misbourne so we're always very welcoming for any new parents from ALL form years to come along and find out more! So do please join us - no commitment - just to see how we work and how we could benefit from your help in raising vital funds for your children and the school.

If you'd like to attend, please drop us an email with your details by Tuesday 6th October 2020 so we can include you on our invite list: misbournepta@hotmail.co.uk

UPDATES:

Y8 DISCO - unfortunately due to COVID-19 we had to postpone both the discos earlier this year. Thank you to those who had pre-booked your tickets. If you would like a refund, please do email us asap. If we don't hear from you we'll accept the monies as a voluntary donation (thank you if you allow this!).

SPRING RAFFLE - we are currently exploring our options on how we can re-ignite the raffle as we've still all the wonderful donated prizes sitting, waiting to be given out! We appreciate that some people had already sent in their ticket stubs and monies before the ticket deadline, and before lockdown kicked in and these are all still held safely. Once we've decided how best to kick-start this again we'll let you know, so WATCH THIS SPACE!

We hope to meet lots of new faces (albeit virtually!) on 7th October!

The FOTM Committee

Introducing New 1-1 Careers Support

Bucks Skills Hub has been given extra funding by the Careers & Enterprise Company (through the Department for Education) to provide young people in Key Stage 4 and 5 with 1:1 careers information, advice and guidance.

Bucks Skills Hub's 'What's right for me?' programme provides individual careers guidance for students who need extra support to decide on their next step. One-to-one support will be offered by a Level 6-trained, Enhanced DBS-checked careers counsellor - the programme is being delivered by Adviza.

The additional support will be available until 31 January 2021. Guidance will be provided either by a virtual appointment over Microsoft Teams, or by phone. Follow up support will be provided as needed.

For further information, please [click here](#).

Supporting children and young people with autism

Witherslack Group is introducing a series of free online support webinars and resources for parents and carers supporting children and young people with autism. More information is available [online here](#).

School Notices

We were delighted that so many Year 7 families were able to join our first virtual welcome evening on Thursday 10 September. If any families missed the evening or would like to view the presentations again, they are included here.

[Welcome from the Headteacher and SLT.](#)



Presentation: [Welcome to Year 7 families in Attenborough school](#)

Email: attenboroughschool@themisbourne.co.uk



Presentation: [Welcome to Year 7 families in Franklin school](#)

Email: franklinschool@themisbourne.co.uk



Presentation: [Welcome to Year 7 families in Holmes school](#)

Email: holmesschool@themisbourne.co.uk



Presentation: [Welcome to Year 7 families in Turing school](#)

Email: turingschool@themisbourne.co.uk

Contacting School

Effective from Monday 14 September 2020, the process for families to contact us regarding your children will be changing. All email correspondence should now be sent to your child's school base so that it can be addressed by the team working with your child. Please use these new email addresses (above) rather than the admin email address.

If you would like to contact any member of staff (including form tutor, subject teachers, Head of School) please also use the relevant email address above. The only exception to this is for notification of absence or attendance-related issues, which should continue to be sent to attendance@themisbourne.co.uk.

Your email will be acknowledged within 48hrs on school days (often much sooner) and the school base team will then liaise with other staff where necessary. We discourage direct emails to individual teachers as it may take much longer for the individual to see and act on these. We're also keen that your child's Head of School and their team have a full picture of all correspondence relating to your child.

We hope that this new approach will help to streamline the process and further reflects our commitment to effective communication with families.

Year Group-Specific Notices

WHOLE SCHOOL

Week commencing 14.09.2020 is timetable Week A.

Outdoor coats

Whilst we've enjoyed some very warm weather this week, we know that temperatures will soon drop. Families are reminded that when an extra warm layer is needed this should be a proper school coat which can be worn on all days, including PE days. Students should not wear hooded tops to school in lieu of a coat. As outlined in our uniform policy, students who wear 'hoodies' to school will have these confiscated and kept until the end of the day in their school base. Further occasions of confiscation then lead to family members being asked to collect incorrect uniform.

YEAR 8

Homework schedule

This week, Year 8 students will receive 30 minutes' homework from each of these subjects: English, Maths, Science, DT/Food, Geography and MFL.

SIXTH FORM

Subject changes

Any student wishing to change subject must follow a form collected from the Sixth Form office, which guides them to discuss the change with the relevant subjects and to then apply via Mr Dwight for authorisation. Subject changes should not be rushed into, but also need to be made by the end of September after which point students become 'locked' into their three chosen courses.

16-19 Student Bursary - deadline imminent

Students in The Misbourne Sixth Form who experience financial constraints can apply to access additional funding to support their academic journey through their Key Stage 5 studies. Students who meet the eligibility criteria can access this additional funding to assist with the cost of transport, essential course equipment, meals in school, educational visits, uniform or other school resources, the cost of attending university or career interviews, or exam re-sit fees.

For full details of eligibility, please visit the Sixth Form section of the school website - the full policy and application form can be found there. The deadline for applications to be considered this term is **Friday 18th September**. For further information or if you have any questions about the bursary, contact Mrs Cook: ccook@themisbourne.co.uk

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Amersham & Chorleywood Multisports

Amersham & Chorleywood Multisports is delighted to let you know that its weekend classes for 4- 16 year olds are resuming next week at Dr Challoner's High School. [Click here](#) for more information.