



# The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

## 19.07.21

Welcome to our Families' Bulletin for week commencing 19 July 2021. For more details regarding any of the information below, please click on the links or visit our website [here](#).



### Headteacher's message

As I type, our hall is buzzing with the sound of our new Sixth Form cohort beginning their Foundation Day, which will give them a flavour of what to expect when they move into Year 12 in September. Unfortunately, Covid regulations have prevented us welcoming external students to this year's Foundation Day, however, we were very pleased to be able to run the event for the many internal students who will be remaining at The Misbourne for Sixth Form.

Throughout the past two weeks, our partners in Thames Valley Police have given thought-provoking assemblies to students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 on the subject of Peer-on-Peer Abuse. This is a concern for all too many teenagers across the UK and we want all our students to know and understand what it means and, most importantly, know where to go to for support and advice should they have any concerns. These assemblies provided a vital basis for this knowledge, which is supported by our pastoral provision and the Relationships and Sex Education curriculum, taught through Learning for Life.

Thankfully the fine weather in recent days has allowed our students in Years 8 and 9 to enjoy participating in their 'mini' sports days on the field. Today is the turn of Year 7 and it's wonderful to see them all outside taking part in a range of sports. I know that the competition is close between the four schools and I will update you all on the final results as soon as they are in!

A touch of glamour came to The Misbourne for the first half of the week as we had a film crew on site to create our new video 'prospectus'. I know many of our staff and students enjoyed the chance to participate in the filming - myself included! I was very proud of our school community throughout the three days of filming and the film-makers commented on what a calm and polite school it was to visit. We will all have to wait until September to see the finished result!

I will write to you all next week with all of the information needed around the updated guidance for the start of next academic year in terms of how the school will operate under the latest COVID expectations. Suffice to say at this stage, we are all looking forward to returning to our pre-COVID structure to the school day and an opening up of opportunities both within and outside the curriculum.

A reminder that students break up for the Summer holidays at 12.30pm on Wednesday 21 July. In the meantime, I wish you all a relaxing weekend in the sunshine.

With best wishes,

**Jo Meloni**



## Hot chocolate with the Head

Congratulations go to all of our eight Year 12 students who were nominated to have Hot Chocolate with the Head this week. This was in recognition of their excellent preparation of their CVs in the Year 12 Careers Day, which will stand them all in good stead for making their next steps.



## Whole school notices

Week commencing 19.07.21 is timetable week B.

### 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](mailto: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.

## End of term arrangements

A reminder that all years break up for the Summer holiday at 12.30pm on Wednesday 21 July. Students who travel via coaches will be able to take them home at this time. All year groups will have a cafe break during the morning of Wednesday 21. Please may we remind students to ensure they empty their lockers before the end of term.

Full details of students' return to school in September is on our [website](#).

## Covid-19

### Work for self-isolating students

We have a number of students self isolating following positive cases of Covid-19 amongst our student body. 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](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result). Please notify the school immediately if your child receives a positive test result.



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

## Careers support

### Unifrog

We are pleased to let you know about the latest school investment in Careers. We have launched **UniFrog** with Year 12 this week so that they can use the tool over the summer to help them investigate their next steps.

Unifrog brings information about all post-school opportunities, including every UK university course and apprenticeship, including degree apprenticeships, into one place. This makes it easy for students to compare and choose the best opportunity for them.

This [video](#) provides an introduction to the Unifrog Careers platform. In September we will be rolling out Unifrog to all other year groups.



### 1:1 Careers Support

We have been given extra funding by the Careers & Enterprise Company (through the Department for Education) to provide young people finishing Key Stages 4 and 5 this summer with 1:1 careers information, advice and guidance.

We want to assist young people by providing local support to help them navigate the many paths available to them: from higher and further education to training, apprenticeship to employment. Above all, we want to help them understand what's right for each of them as individuals.

- **What?** 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 adviser employed by Bucks Skills Hub.

- **Who?** Young people from schools in Buckinghamshire finishing Key Stages 4 and 5 this summer (or up to age 25 with a special educational need or disability, or looked after children).
- **When?** The additional support will be available from July 2021 to 31 December 2021.
- **How?** The guidance will be provided either by a virtual face-to-face appointment over Microsoft Teams, or by phone. Follow up support will be provided as needed.
- **Why?** Our aim is to reduce the numbers of young people who have left Key Stage 4 or 5 in 2021 and have no appropriate intended destination or September Guarantee offer by the end of August 2021.

Please see the attached leaflet explaining how to book your free appointment. Family members can join the call to support their child.

Please contact Helen Hill at [hhill@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:hhill@themisbourne.co.uk) if you have any questions

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# WHAT'S RIGHT FOR ME?

Free 1-to-1 expert careers advice for young people in Buckinghamshire

- ▶ Are you in Year 11, 12, 13 or 14\*?
- ▶ Need help deciding what to do next?

Higher or further education? Sixth form? Training or apprenticeship? Employment? Talking about your next step with a trained careers adviser will help you choose which one's right for you.

Call 01494 927137 or email [info@bucksskillshub.org](mailto:info@bucksskillshub.org) to arrange a free virtual advice session, \*\*

\* Up to age 25 with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities or Looked After Children  
\*\* Offer until 31st December 2021

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## Summer languages challenge

The Misbourne's MFL department has invested in Linguascope to enable all students to have fun while learning another language. They would like to encourage all students to take part in their Summer Fun Challenge. See this poster for more details. For full guidance on how to use Linguascope, students should watch this [short video](#) from Mrs Meyer.



Our school has invested in LINGUASCOPE so that you can have fun learning languages. So this SUMMER...



- . Log onto [www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com)
- . Use our students' access
- . Check your topic list on Showmyhomework for more details.
- . To be entered in the challenge you must:
  1. complete all topics fun test with at least 70% on the final test per topic.
  2. You may try as many times as you like.
  3. Keep all your screen shots (keep the best score for each) and email them all in one go with your name and class teacher's name to [mffunchallenge@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:mffunchallenge@themisbourne.co.uk) before the 31st of August 2021.

 **Student Access:**

You can issue these login details to all students within your establishment (for classroom and home use):

- Student username: misbourne1
- Student password: mismf12122

## Misbourne Trail Run

Sadly, the organisers of the annual Misbourne Trail Run have had to make the difficult decision to postpone this year's race until 2022. It was hoped we could meet all the necessary Covid rules laid out by England Athletics but with the threat of a possible third wave as we go into the Autumn, it was decided that the safest course of action would be to wait until next summer. The new date is **Saturday 18 June, 2022**. All existing entries will be deferred until then. In the meantime ... keep running!



## Year group-specific notices

### YEAR 7

**Homework schedule:** There is no homework set for the last week of term.

### YEAR 8

**Homework schedule:** There is no homework set for the last week of term.

### YEAR 11

**Foundation Day:** All Sixth Form applicants will receive a welcome letter including enrolment information before the end of term.

**Results Day:** May we remind all students that GCSE results day is on 12 August.

### 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.

### YEAR 13

**Results Day:** Please may we remind students that A Level results day is on 10 August.

## Friends of The Misbourne



### **Second-hand clothing collection - Monday 19 July**

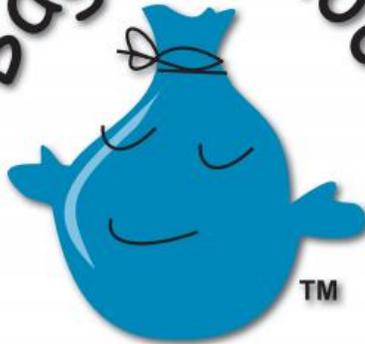
You have one more weekend to bag up all your good quality unwanted clothing ready for Friend of The Misbourne's second-hand clothing collection on **Monday 19 July 2021**.

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](mailto:misbournepta@hotmail.co.uk)

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

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