



The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 19 October 2020

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

What a difference a week makes! Last week saw us face some unprecedented challenges. However, as is so often the case, I have been delighted and impressed with how students, their families and our staff have risen to those challenges, whether they have been part of one of the groups working from home or remained in school. Our preparation for on-line remote learning has paid off and we have received very many positive reports of students' excellent levels of engagement and enjoyment of their virtual lessons. Thank you all for the many encouraging messages you have sent in. In these difficult times, I and my staff are very grateful for your continued support.

Of course, nothing can replace having students on site and we are very much looking forward to welcoming our Year 9 and 10 students back next Tuesday. Please remember that all students need to bring their own face mask every day, which they are required to wear everywhere indoors except when in lessons or eating and drinking.

As you will see later in the bulletin, we are entering the last week of our collection for One Can Trust. This charity does invaluable work supporting families in the local area and needs our support more now than at any other time. We have been delighted to receive so many donations already, but please do keep them coming in.

Another example of #TeamMisbourne in action this week is the plan from Friends of The Misbourne to run a fun competition for all our students in Years 7-11 on the last day of this half term. They are generously giving away one of 30 Bluetooth speakers to a lucky winner in every form - creating a sense of feelgood fun at the end of a memorable half term for us all.

Our value for the last week of this half term is 'ambition' - hugely apt at this time. While the past week has served as a reminder of the uncertainty in our day-to-day lives, it has also re-iterated the fact that we must all continue to be ambitious for our students and ourselves. I leave you with this thought: *"Ambition is the first step to success. The second step is action."*

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

Ms Jo Meloni

School Notices

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.

One Can Trust Appeal—LAST WEEK FOR DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to our One Can Trust Appeal. A reminder that, if you would like to donate, we are collecting until **Thursday 22 October**. Please give what you can to this vital charity—a full list of items needed by One Can Trust is available [here](#).

Be Bright Be Seen Week 19 –23 October

As the nights start to get darker and the clocks go back on 25 October, we would like to remind our students of the importance of being bright and visible on the way to and from school. Adding fluorescent flashes to coats and school bags is an easy way to help improve a student's visibility in the dark, as are hi-vis gloves and hats. And if you cycle to and from school, please remember to check the batteries on your bike lights!

Have your say about our Café

Innovate, the company which runs our Café, would like your feedback about its food offer and service style. Please would you and your child/ren take a few minutes to complete this short survey [here](#). The results will help to inform Innovate's future menu development and service provision.

Understanding ADHD

Witherslack Group is launching a series of webinars focusing on helping families of children with ADHD understand more about the condition. To find out more and to register for the webinars, please click [here](#).



Feelgood fun from Friends of The Misbourne

We're delighted to kick-start our fundraising for this year with a bit of fun for all our students in Years 7-11. Thanks to the generous donation of one of our parents, we'll be running a competition on **Friday 23 October** to give students the chance to win one of **30 Bluetooth speakers**. That's one per form. Every student can take part in the 'Last Man Standing' game, which will be Heads or Tails in their forms at the start of the day. However, if you'd like to make a suggested £1 donation towards FOTM, that would be great! Just send in your child with the £1 next Friday and they'll donate it to their form tutor before the game—all contributions will be very gratefully received.

We hope all students enjoy taking part in this first event, starting what is clearly going to be a different year of fundraising for our school!

Year Group-Specific Notices

WHOLE SCHOOL

Week commencing 19.10.2020 is timetable Week B.

Face Masks: May we remind families that it is expected that students should 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: No homework will be set in the week before the half term break.

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YEAR 9

Return to school: We look forward to welcoming Year 9 students back to school on Tuesday 20 October.

YEAR 10

Return to school: We look forward to welcoming the majority of Year 10 students who have been self-isolating back to school on Tuesday 20 October. The few who need to remain in self-isolation for a day or two longer will continue to have lessons set via satchel:one.

YEAR 11

Making the Grade evening: This will take place virtually via Microsoft Teams between 5.15pm—7.00pm on **Thursday 22 October**. This evening will focus on the core GCSE subjects of English, Mathematics and Science. This is a chance for families and students to hear from teachers about what students can do over the coming months to maximise their chances of success in these subjects. As this is a live event, families will be able to speak directly to teachers during the evening. Families will receive details of their Teams invitation to Making the Grade during 22 October and we hope as many families as possible will be able to join us.

A further event for students' options subjects will take place on Thursday 5 November from 5.15pm—7.00pm.

SIXTH FORM

Learning for Life—Team building session: Wednesday 21 September, period 1. To round off our first half term's Learning for Life series, we are asking all Sixth Formers to come in suitable warm comfortable outdoor kit all day. During form time and period 1 they will take part in an outdoor team building activity on the school and nearby off site. Lessons will then continue as normal periods 2-5. Appropriate footwear and a rainproof coat is recommended. Our contingency plan for very wet weather is a quiz back in normal groups inside.

Will you be the

LAST MAN STANDING



**ENTER THE CLASSROOM COIN
CHALLENGE AND YOU COULD
WIN A BLUETOOTH SPEAKER!***

DARE TO PLAY: FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

SUGGESTED £1 DONATION TO ENTER

***ONE SPEAKER PER FORM GROUP TO BE WON**