



# The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

## 22.03.21

Welcome to our Families' Bulletin for week commencing 22 March 2021. For more details regarding any of the information below, please click on the links or visit our website [here](#).



### Headteacher's message

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students started their timed assessments this week and we have been very proud of the mature way they have conducted themselves. Similarly, the majority of students in other years have been respectful of the need for quiet around the school at this time.

On Tuesday, our intensive effort to conduct nearly 3,000 lateral flow tests on site drew to a close. We were sorry to have to send some students home to self-isolate after the final afternoon's testing, but this also served to re-affirm the reason why we are all participating in this process - to maximise the chances of keeping our community safe. My thanks to all the affected students and their families for their forbearance with this situation. I would also like once again to sincerely thank the team of volunteers that gave up their time to help carry out this mass testing process. It was a huge undertaking and the fact that it ran so smoothly was a credit to them and all our students who were well organised, respectful and responsible throughout. We had an impressive 95% take-up and I know that by keeping

the testing routine up at home now, it will be yet another step in the right direction back to a more 'normal' way of living for our community.

Our staff were delighted to welcome so many Year 9 families to our Making the Grade evening via Microsoft Teams last night. From the positive feedback we have received, I know families appreciated the opportunity to hear from teachers about what their children are learning in their options subjects at the moment and how they can support at home. By keeping the lines of communication open, we can work together to achieve the best outcome for all our students.

In other news, I was pleased to hear this week that Ofsted are delaying a return to full school inspections until the Autumn term. This will allow schools to focus on what is really important right now, **supporting our young people** back into school. Having said that, we know that when inspections do commence, we are likely to be visited early on as it has been a few years now since we converted to Academy status. We will be happy to welcome them and show them what our fantastic students and staff are achieving and how brilliantly they have adapted this past year. In the meantime, it would be helpful to us if we had some feedback from parents/carers on the official Ofsted Parent View website. The internal survey we asked you to complete before Christmas was mostly based on the same questions, so they will be familiar to you and will not take long to complete. We were really pleased with your feedback and I think it would be good for Ofsted to see that too. The link to the website can be found [HERE](#). Perhaps you can complete it on Sunday as a warm up to the National Census, which is equally important but may take a little longer to complete!

I wish you all a relaxing weekend.

With best wishes,

**Jo Meloni**

## Whole school notices

Week commencing 22.03.21 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 in advance 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.

## Covid-19 information update

### **PHE launches new Psychological First Aid training**

Online training, developed by Public Health England (PHE), is now available for those supporting children and young people affected by coronavirus (COVID-19). This course offers training on how to provide

practical and emotional support to children and young people affected by emergencies or crisis situations.

All frontline workers and anyone who cares for or is regularly in contact with children and young people aged up to 25, including parents and caregivers, will be able to access the training online. The course is offered free, takes about 3 hours to complete (split into 3 sessions that the learner can complete at their own pace) and no previous qualifications are required. Visit [Psychological First Aid \(PFA\) training course](#)

### **Covid-19 home testing**

All participating students received their home testing kits this week. Please follow the instructions provided with the kits to undertake testing at home twice a week and report your child's results to the NHS website via [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result). In the rare instance that a positive result is recorded, please inform the school immediately via [covid@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:covid@themisbourne.co.uk) All instructions are included [here](#).

### **Face Masks**

Anyone who would prefer to keep the fabric of their face mask away from their face may be interested in purchasing a face mask bracket, such as [this one](#). For students who are finding it difficult to communicate with their face mask on, they may like to consider wearing a clear face mask, such as [these](#). Both of these are examples only and are not endorsed by The Misbourne.

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

## Skills and Careers Information

### **Apprenticeship Information - March Parents' and Carers' Pack**

The [March issue](#) looks at International Women's Day, preparing for virtual recruitment, new T Levels film, apprenticeships in the fashion industry, SEND post-16 options and more!

### **What's right for me?**

Free careers guidance has been extended for Year 11 - 13 students in Buckinghamshire until the end June. See flyer here for contact details.

FREE 1-TO-1 EXPERT CAREERS  
ADVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

## WHAT'S RIGHT FOR ME?

- ? Are you in Year 11, 12 or 13?
- ? 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 counsellor will help you choose which one's right for you.

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

\*Available 13 Aug 2020 to 31 Jan 2021.

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### A Parent and Supporter's Guide to University Entry

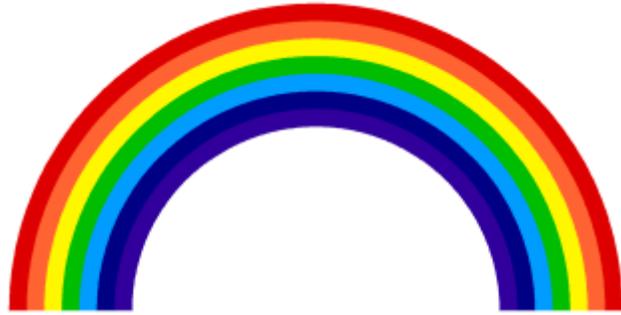
The UCAS process can be bewildering so the University of Reading developed a free online course, "[A Parent and Supporter's Guide to University Entry](#)" with a basic step-by-step guide to applying to HE and tips on ways parents and supporters can support their young person with their choices. To register [click here](#).

### Choosing a University place: Live Parents' and Carers' Q&A

The University of South Wales is running a free online Q&A session for parents and carers as well as prospective students on 23 March 2021. [Click here](#) for full details.

## Wellbeing

[Here](#), our school counsellor, Debbie Sharp, looks at the importance of remaining hopeful to improve your sense of wellbeing.



## Year group-specific notices

### YEAR 9

**Making the Grade evening:** For any families unable to attend the Making the Grade evening yesterday, the subject-specific Powerpoint presentations are now available on our website [here](#). We would also be very grateful if families who attended the evening could take a few minutes to complete a short feedback form, [here](#). This will help to shape our planning for these events in the future.

**Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award:** on Thursday 25 March from 4.30pm - 5.00pm, Mr Tebb and Ms McCarthy will be holding a meeting via TEAMS about Year 9 Bronze DofE. To join the meeting, please use this [TEAMS link](#). If any Year 9 student has any questions about the Award in advance of the meeting, they should contact Mr Tebb or Ms McCarthy.

### YEAR 11

We intend to update all Sixth Form applicants on offers of their places and confirmation about their subject choices by the end of this term, including information about guidance meetings, which will be in late April and May.



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