



## The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

### Week commencing Monday 23 November 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

It has been inspiring to listen to our Senior Students contributing to assemblies this week on the theme of ambition and leadership. They have certainly demonstrated both qualities in helping to guide and motivate younger year groups and I am grateful that we have such wonderful role models within our Sixth Form.

This week saw the culmination of a school-wide campaign to choose the charities that each of our four smaller schools will support this year. We were delighted with the exceptionally high student response rate. The four winning charities are revealed on the next page and I am sure you will agree that they are all very worthy causes. I am now looking forward to seeing the fundraising ideas that students in each of our small schools come up with to maximise funds for their selected charities in the coming months.

On the subject of charity, our value of the week next week is, very fittingly, 'Kindness'. Of all our school values, I see our students modelling this one day in, day out, with the many kindnesses they bestow on one another. They truly epitomise the words of Harold S Kushner: "Do things for people. Not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are."

With best wishes,

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

**Jo Meloni**

#### Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week, I was delighted to share hot chocolate with some of our Year 8 students today. Many congratulations to Finlay, Amilia, Erika and Alysia on their many achievements this term.



# School Notices

## Celebrating Our Chosen Charities

We are delighted to be able to announce the charities that students in each of our small schools have chosen to support this year. After a school-wide survey, which received a record 974 responses, the nominated charities are:

**Attenborough - Thames Valley Air Ambulance.**

**Franklin - Tiggywinkles**

**Holmes - Mind**

**Turing - Dogs Trust**

We look forward to our students getting involved in plenty of fundraising activities in the coming months.

## The Misbourne Sixth Form Open Evening—Thursday 26 November, 5.30pm

We look forward to welcoming families of Year 11 students to our virtual Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 26 November.

Sadly, Covid-19 restrictions prevent us welcoming you in person this year. However, we look forward to hosting our event live online via Microsoft Teams.

During the evening, you will have the chance to:

- Hear from our Headteacher, Ms Meloni, and Head of Sixth Form, Mr Dwight, about what our Sixth Form has to offer
- Learn about what a 'Day in the Life of The Misbourne Sixth Form' looks like
- Listen to a Q&A session with some of our current Sixth Formers about their experiences
- Find out about entry requirements and how to apply

New for September 2021, we will be launching our Misbourne Sixth Form LEAP Award, which Ms Meloni and Mr Dwight will explain more about during the evening.

You will then have the opportunity, via our website, to watch videos from our specialist subject teachers about the individual courses on offer and read our prospectus for full course information.

There will also be an online feedback form for you to ask any further questions you may have.

Our Open Evening will be broadcast LIVE via Microsoft Teams from 5.30pm. To join, please use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/misbournesixthformopenevening> The link will also be available via the home page of our website.

# School Notices

To enable us to meet the new Department for Education's statutory requirements for PSHE by the Summer term of 2021, we would like to consult with you on our new Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy. This lays out what we are now required to teach your child throughout their time at The Misbourne. We'd be grateful if you could read this carefully then complete the survey:

1. Please [click here](#) to read the RSE Policy
2. Then please [click here](#) to complete the survey.

In the survey you can also register your interest in attending a virtual family consultation evening on Thursday 3 December from 5-5:45pm. This will go through the statutory requirements and our RSE curriculum, as laid out in the policy. It will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions and provide us with further feedback to improve our policy.

## Support your school with your Christmas shopping

If you're shopping on Amazon from now on, there's now a chance to raise funds for The Misbourne every time you check-out. Access Amazon via AmazonSmile and every time you make a purchase a percentage will be donated to our school.

### Here's how to sign up :

1. Visit <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1068203-0>
2. Sign in with your Amazon.com login
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5. Add a bookmark for [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile

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# Year Group-Specific Notices

## WHOLE SCHOOL

Week commencing 23.11.2020 is timetable Week B.

**Face Masks:** May we remind families that students are required to 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.

### Updating personal information:

If you have any changes to your personal contact information, such as a different email address or telephone number, please can you ensure that you let your child's school base know. It is important that we have the correct details on file so we can reach you. The email addresses for the school bases are:

**Attenborough**      [Attenboroughschool@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:Attenboroughschool@themisbourne.co.uk)

**Franklin**            [Franklinschool@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:Franklinschool@themisbourne.co.uk)

**Holmes**              [Holmesschool@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:Holmesschool@themisbourne.co.uk)

**Turing**                [Turingschool@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:Turingschool@themisbourne.co.uk)

## YEAR 7

**Homework schedule:** This week, students will receive 30 minutes' homework in each of these subjects: English, Maths, Science, History, MFL, IT and Philosophy.

## YEAR 8

**Homework schedule:** This week, students will receive 30 minutes' homework in each of these subjects: English, Maths, Science, Geography, MFL, DT/Food and Art.

## YEAR 10

**Consultation Evening:** Will take place virtually on **Thursday 10 December**. Full details of how to make appointments with your child's teachers will appear in next week's Families' Bulletin.

## YEAR 11

**Sixth Form Open Evening:** Our virtual Open Evening for prospective sixth formers will be live on Microsoft Teams from 5.30pm—6.15pm on **Thursday 26 November**. To join the evening, please click on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/misbournesixthformopenevening> The link will also be available via the home page of our website. We hope as many families as possible are able to join us.

## SIXTH FORM

**Making the Grade subject videos:** Further subject videos have been added to the Making the Grade Evening information on our website, including for the IT and Music courses. [Click here](#) to access all the subject videos.