



# The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

## 26.04.21

Welcome to our Families' Bulletin for week commencing 26 April 2021. For more details regarding any of the information below, please click on the links or visit our website [here](#).



### Headteacher's message

Welcome back. It has been wonderful to welcome all the students back for the start of the Summer term. I hope that you all managed to enjoy some of the the Spring sunshine and were able to make the most of being outside and seeing more of family and friends over the break.

The new term started with positive news about the progress of our major infrastructure development - completion of Phase 1 with the opening of our new coach road. Coaches now enter and exit the site safely via London Road, drastically easing congestion along Misbourne Drive in the morning and afternoon. Students disembark and board their coaches via a spacious paved area alongside the playing field that will be well lit during darker months with new lighting. It is fantastic to see the rapid progress being made on the project and work has already begun on Phase 2, construction of the sports centre itself and the new adjoining car park.

Our School Teams have asked me to pass on their sincere thanks to everyone who donated to our charity non-uniform day at the end of last term. Altogether we raised a fantastic £954 for our four small school charities - Thames Valley Air Ambulance (Attenborough); Tiggywinkles (Franklin); Mind (Holmes) and Dogs Trust (Turing) - which we know will be much appreciated.

We are also pleased to have been able to announce the re-introduction of some of our extra-curricular sports clubs this term. Please see the information later in this bulletin and do encourage your child to sign up.

We look forward to a busy and productive term ahead.

With best wishes,

**Jo Meloni**





## Whole school notices

Week commencing 26.04.21 is timetable week A.

### 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.

## Year 11 and Year 13 Teacher Assessed Grades - information evening

Families of students in Years 11 and 13 are invited to attend a virtual information evening at 5.30pm on Thursday 29 April via Microsoft Teams. This will expand on the guidance the exams authority (JCQ) released on Friday 26 March that schools will need to use when determining the teacher-assessed grades. Please [click here](#) to read a summary of that information. More details about the information evening and the link to the Teams meeting will be sent separately to Year 11 and Year 13 families.

## Extra-curricular sports return

With the easing of Covid regulations, we are delighted to be able to offer students in Years 7-10 the opportunity to participate in after-school extra-curricular football and netball clubs during the Summer term. The full timetable is available [here](#). Students wishing to take part must sign up via the online link next to each club. All students are welcome.

## Covid-19 information update

### At home lateral flow testing

All participating students should have received their next home testing kits via their form tutor this week. If your child has not received their testing kit, please contact their school base. Department for Health guidance remains unchanged and recommends that all secondary school students continue to test at home twice weekly.

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

## Careers Information

The latest issue of All About Apprenticeships is now available on our website. Please [click here](#) to read it.

## Year group-specific notices

### YEAR 7

**Homework schedule:** Please [click here](#) to see the new homework timetable for the Summer term.

### YEAR 8

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### YEAR 7 and YEAR 8

**Relationships and Sex Education:** Years 7 and 8 will be commencing their statutory Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) unit this term in Learning for Life (PSHE). This will help support families in equipping them with the knowledge and understanding to having healthy and happy relationships. It will also ensure they know how to stay safe and look after themselves as they continue to mature into young adults.

If you have not read our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy, which was previously circulated to families for our parental consultation, you can read it [here](#). This provides a breakdown of our whole school RSE curriculum as well as the DfE framework for relationships education (KS3-4) and sex education (KS4).

### YEAR 9 and YEAR 10

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If you do not want your child taking part in the sex education framework, you must download and complete the withdrawal form [here](#) and return it [cbartington@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:cbartington@themisbourne.co.uk) If you have not read our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy which was previously circulated to families for our parental consultation, you can read it [here](#). This provides a breakdown of our whole school RSE curriculum as well as the DfE framework for relationships education and sex education.

## YEAR 11

**Teacher-assessed grades information evening:** All families are invited to join our virtual information evening at 5.30pm on Thursday 29 April. Further details and the Teams meeting link will be sent out separately.

**Sixth Form offers:** Sixth Form offers of places have been sent out; please consult the Sixth Form applications page on the school website for further guidance. Further enquiries can be sent to [kshaw@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:kshaw@themisbourne.co.uk). Guidance meetings with staff are being booked in for weeks 3, 4 and 5 of this half term.

## YEAR 12

**Parents' Consultation evening:** The Year 12 parents' consultation evening will take place on Thursday 6 May between 4.20pm - 7.00pm via video link. Bookings will open at 6.00pm on Thursday 29 April and will close at midday on 6 May. To book your appointments, please visit <https://themisbourne.schoolcloud.co.uk> You will need to login with your details and your child's date of birth. Full details on how to book will be emailed out on Thursday 29 April.

**Speakers for Schools:** All students will be participating in a Speakers for Schools session with virtual guest Richard Porter on Wednesday 28 April in Learning for Life period 1. After leaving school with two A-levels and working in retail, Richard stumbled into journalism, working his way up to Editor of Breakfast on BBC1. He now works for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and will no doubt have some good advice for our students.

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## Community notices

### VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

St Peter & St Paul Church in Great Missenden has just had installed three cameras, which are being used to stream services from the Church. This is clearly an advantage during lockdown but in the future the

Church will offer to stream weddings and funerals as well as regular services. It has been suggested that there may be some students at The Misbourne who are involved in Performing Arts, particularly the backstage operations, who might like to help with the filming of these events. It would be good experience for them and would count as a community activity for the DoE award and similar. A recent streamed service can be seen on our Facebook page at <https://fb.watch/4tA42GZact/>. If you are interested, please contact David Harris via [david.m.harris@btinternet.com](mailto:david.m.harris@btinternet.com) or by phone on 01494 868 237 or 07736 814 995.

### **NEW ARTS CLUB**

The Art & Design Saturday Club for pupils aged 13-16 is starting at Bucks New University from Saturday 24 April 2021. Sessions will be held online each Saturday through the Summer term from 10.30am – 12.30pm. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

### **FASHION & BUSINESS SATURDAY CLUB RETURNS**

The Fashion & Business Saturday Club is a 30-week FREE programme for young people aged 13-16 to experience the fashion industry and different roles within it, starting September 2021. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#).



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