



# The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

## 27.09.21

Welcome to our Families' Bulletin for week commencing 27 September 2021. For more details regarding any of the information below, please click on the links or visit our website [here](#).



### Headteacher's message

I am writing this following our very successful Open Evening yesterday. It was wonderful to see the Academy thronging with 1,000 visitors over the course of the evening! I, and all my colleagues, were so proud of our many students who attended the evening to guide our visitors around the site and assist in departments. They were, as is always the case, so confident in answering questions and sharing their experiences of what it is like to be a student here. Many visitors commented on the politeness and helpfulness of our students. They were all wonderful ambassadors and represented The Misbourne brilliantly. As I reflected in my Headteacher speeches, we are all so very proud of our students and realise that we are all very lucky to be working with them.

Also this week, we held the recruitment process for my successor. Whilst we still await the official announcement, I wanted to acknowledge again just how fantastic so many of our students were in support of that process. From sixth formers acting as personal tour guides, to those who sat on the

student panels and the whole of Attenborough school, who attended six assemblies in one day! They all did us so proud.

Today has seen staff spending time together on some key training priorities. The focus today has been on safeguarding, in particular sessions on how to tackle peer-on-peer abuse that we know is such a national priority; curriculum leaders took part in a session on curriculum development and pastoral and support staff focused on supporting our SEND students and other school improvement priorities. These are always such important and welcome days for staff to have time to work together.

Next week, amongst other things, we are looking forward to welcoming back our Year 11 families on Thursday for Making the Grade Evening part 2, where the focus is on options subjects and the first two of our Open Mornings on Tuesday and Wednesday.

With best wishes and have a lovely weekend,

**Jo Meloni**

## Hot Chocolate with the Head

I was delighted that Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Golla, could join me and six of our very rewarding Franklin students for Hot Chocolate with the Head this week. It was wonderful to hear how each student had been getting on over the first few weeks of term and what they were hoping to achieve this year.

There is already some healthy competition emerging for who can gain the most achievement points from this group, particularly as #TeamFranklin are already leading the way!



## Whole school notices

Week commencing 27.09.21 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 each morning they are off school by emailing [attendance@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:attendance@themisbourne.co.uk) or call our Absence line on **01494 867843**.

For all other correspondence about your child, please use the relevant school base email account so we can achieve consistency and clarity of communication.

## Change to end of term December 2020

In accordance with the Government's wishes for an additional bank holiday in celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee in 2022, it has been agreed that The Misbourne will finish a day earlier this term for the Christmas holiday. Term will now end at **12.30pm on Thursday 16 December 2021**. Buses will be notified accordingly.

## Covid-19 information

### Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs)

A reminder that the Government is asking all secondary school students to conduct an LFT at home twice weekly. All students have been supplied with a pack of test kits for this purpose. These tests ought to be spaced at least three days apart each week, such as every Wednesday and Sunday. Students should upload their results onto [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result). Please notify the school immediately via [covid@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:covid@themisbourne.co.uk) if your child receives a positive test result.

The rules around self isolation changed in August. Please note the following DoH advice about when to self isolate.

## Year group-specific notices

### YEAR 11

**Making the Grade (options):** this will take place in the Main Hall on Thursday 30 September from 17.20-19.00. All students are encouraged to attend. In order to ensure that we can accommodate as many families as possible, please may we ask that students are accompanied by only one parent or carer.

### SIXTH FORM

**Enrichment Fund:** the Enrichment Fund contribution is now live on ParentPay. We would be very grateful for your contributions to help support your child's enrichment opportunities throughout the year. Please visit ParentPay for more information regarding this.

**Elevate Education Parent Webinar series:** Elevate Education, who we plan to be working with in the Spring term to support our students' study skills and exam preparation further, is providing families with

a free webinar series. To reserve your spot, you can register online [HERE](#). The webinar is run live online from 6pm – 7pm and the presenter will share Elevate’s key research and skills, and will conduct a live Q&A so you can ask them questions directly.

**Student appointments:** Please ensure you let us know in the Sixth Form office of any appointments or driving lessons your child needs to attend by emailing [ccook@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:ccook@themisbourne.co.uk)

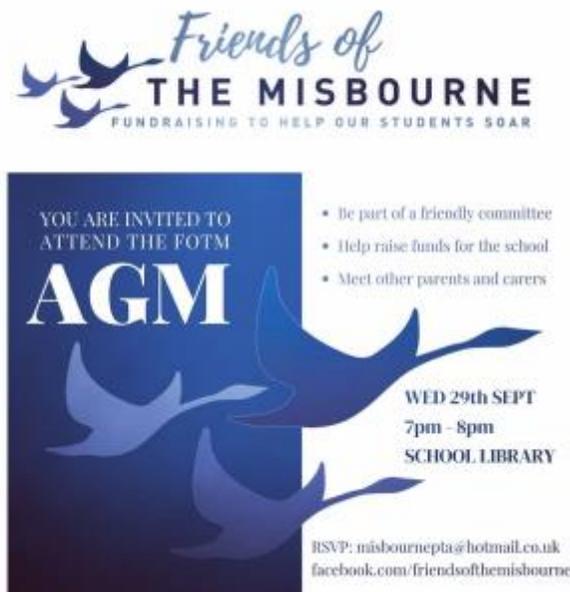
## Friends of the Misbourne AGM - 29.9.21

Would you love to do more to support the school?

Why not come along to the Friends of The Misbourne (our PTA) AGM on **Wednesday 29th September from 7pm** in the school library.

You can find out more about what we’ve been up to and be part of our brainstorming session for new fundraising ideas.

We really look forward to welcoming some new faces and seeing everyone face-to-face!  
#themisbourneschool



## Community Notices

### Volunteering Opportunity - Great Missenden 1st Scouts

1st Great Missenden Scouts is seeking two female volunteers (Years 11, 12 or 13) to support its weekly Scout meetings - it could be an ideal opportunity for DofE candidates. This opportunity has arisen owing to the growth of the troop and the increased number of girls joining. The troop meets every

Tuesday at The Misbourne from 19.30-21.00. If you are interested and would like to contact Doug for more details, please email Lucy Brogan at [lbrogan@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:lbrogan@themisbourne.co.uk) who will pass on your details.