



The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 29 June 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 a delightful week for us here at school. We have finally had some young voices back around the building, as our first groups of Years 10 and 12 have come into school for their face-to-face sessions. Staff have really enjoyed time with them and helped to support their remote learning.

There has also been a lovely buzz around the school and online from staff as we announced our new small schools to them. We are excited to now be able to share these names with our families and students too. They are:

- Attenborough (named after Sir David Attenborough)
- Franklin (named after Aretha Franklin)
- Holmes (named after Dame Kelly Holmes)
- Turing (named after Alan Turing OBE)

We were inspired by the qualities that our four chosen namesakes represent and we believe they truly reflect the values that our school stands for, namely: Ambition and Pride; Kindness and Respect; Equality and Moral Purpose; and Resilience and Teamwork.

Families in Years 7—10 will have received a letter today from Mr Griffiths and the Heads of School, sharing the new names and which small school each current tutor group is moving to. A letter detailing this information for Years 11 and 12 will follow shortly. There is already some lovely friendly rivalry beginning amongst the staff and we can't wait to start planning and preparing with the students.

It feels strange to think that we are now just a few weeks away from the end of term and school year. I am sure I can speak for us all when I say that we could all do with some well-deserved downtime, staff, students and families alike. Over the next couple of weeks we will be continuing with our remote learning and face-to-face sessions, as well as continuing to plan for September. We are expecting an update from the Government towards the end of next week, with its expectations for September and what we then have to do to respond and prepare. It will therefore be a busy last two weeks of term and will no doubt involve some continued planning into the holidays but we will keep you informed as to what September will look like as soon as we possibly can and before we break up for the Summer.

We will also be writing to the families of our current Y11 and Y13 shortly, around arrangements for results days in August. We would still like to offer a controlled on-site collection of results, both to help students and staff celebrate their achievements, conduct Sixth Form enrolment confirmation and provide additional face to face support for those that need it. Alternative arrangements will be made for anyone who is unable to attend or prefers not to. Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing our final group of Year 10 on their rotation on Monday and the second half of Year 12 on Wednesday.

Take care



Ms Jo Meloni

	<p>Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher</p> <p>A number of students have received a personalised message from Ms Meloni this week as a result of their outstanding work / contribution to school life. Reasons for nominations for Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher this week have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outstanding work in History• Exceptional performance in Drama• Improving grade average during lockdown• Excellent commitment to work in Maths• Undertaking independent experiments for Science <p>If you would like to make us aware of something special that your child has achieved while we are not in school, please email admin@themisbourne.co.uk</p>
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<p>Computer Science Success</p> <p>The Misbourne has been named 'School of the Year' by @AppsforGood at its annual awards. They said, "The incredible Computer Science department has delivered both our App development and our Machine Learning courses to numerous students across multiple year groups. Well done team!"</p>

<p>Covid-19 guidance for students coming into school this term</p> <p>Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms will need to take a test and inform the school of the result as quickly as possible. The child will not be allowed back on site until school has received confirmation of a negative test result or the period of isolation has passed.</p> <p>All suspected cases will be recorded and reported to the DfE, in line with Government guidance.</p>

IT Tip of the Week

Access this useful guide about logging into Microsoft Teams for the first time if you're a student. As more of our teachers pilot working with students within Microsoft Teams, this short video explains how students can log in and find their way around Teams. [Click here](#) to watch.

IT Resource of the Week

Audiopi provides instant access to outstanding and proven GCSE & A Level teaching, through self contained, 10-15 minute podcasts . All its podcasts are free until 1 October. [Click here](#) to access the website.

Home Study Tip of the Week

[This short video](#) shows how to access students' OneDrive folders for storage and to create sharing links of work that can be sent back to teachers via Satchel:One or Microsoft Teams. *Students that require login details for their Office365 accounts should contact admin@themisbourne.co.uk*

Choosing technology to assist children with dyslexia

Choosing the right technology to support your child's education can be challenging. To offer some support and guidance, the British Dyslexia Association has teamed up with Myles Pilling to host a FREE webinar for parents at 7.30pm on 2 July. This session aims to take you through some of the options for assistive technology and demonstrate ways to motivate dyslexic children when learning at home. [Click here](#) for more information and to book.

Mindfulness

Please [click here](#) to learn how to relax with five minutes of mindful listening.



YEAR GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

School is open for the children of key worker families - A reminder that our school is open from 8.30am to 3.10pm each day, during term time, for the children of keyworker families. If families require this provision, please email the school using the admin@themisbourne.co.uk address. In order to help us with our planning, we ask that you let us know by 4pm each day if you require this provision for the following day. Alternatively, if you require this provision for known blocks of time or for an extended period, please can you outline this in an email to us as soon as possible and we will note your requirement and ensure that this provision is available for you.

Attendance - If a student is unwell and is therefore unable to complete any of the work set for them, please inform us via the attendance email: attendance@themisbourne.co.uk. This will enable us to inform the relevant members of staff that your child will be unable to complete the work set during the time of their absence.

YEAR 8

The deadline to provide your consent for your child to receive the HPV Vaccination in school is 1 July. For more details about how to provide your consent, please [click here](#).

Ms Sudborough

YEAR 9

Thank you to all Year 9 parents for helping the vaccinations in school run so smoothly. The Bucks Immunisation Team said we were a great school, well organised with amazing students and helpful parents and that this was one of the smoothest sessions they have delivered as a result of parental help.

Ms Sudborough

YEAR 10

May we remind our Year 10 families and students that students are required to wear appropriate clothing while attending their face-to-face tutorials in school. For example, shoulders and midribs should be covered and shorts / skirts should be of a respectable length.

As well as supporting students' learning through our in-person mathematics tutorials, we are asking students to complete an exam paper under exam conditions (90-minutes only) and to bring it back for their second session. This will give us some feedback of where our students are and what areas we need to focus on when we return in September. For students who are not in the first core session, their maths teachers will put the exam papers onto Satchel:One and we would ask those who are not coming in for session 2 to take a picture of their work and upload it to Satchel:One. If there are any questions or concerns around this please do email me directly via esmith@themisbourne.co.uk. Thank you for your support with this.

Mr Hodder Smith

SIXTH FORM

YEAR 12

Form tutors have sent students information this week on how to set up their UCAS profile for Apply 2021 if they are interested in exploring university application. The profile has to be set up in a certain way to link to the school ready for the autumn application process. Please contact ccook@themisbourne.co.uk with any set up questions if you find any issues. We will update in the next fortnight regarding plans for Year 12 predicted grades given that the June predicted grade exams were cancelled.

Mr Dwight