



The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

29.03.21

Welcome to our Families' Bulletin for week commencing 29 March 2021. For more details regarding any of the information below, please click on the links or visit our website [here](#).



Headteacher's message

It hardly seems possible that this week marked one year since the Government originally asked us to close our doors for the first lockdown. At school, we noted this milestone with a minute's silence, giving us all a chance to reflect on what has changed in the past 12 months, the challenges we have faced, what we have learned, and, most importantly, how we have grown as a community.

As I write this, I can hear the strains of YMCA drifting into my office as a PE lesson takes place in the hall; students are chatting as they walk past my window on their way to lessons; and the sports hall is a place of concentration as Year 11s complete an assessment. It is so lovely to be surrounded once again by the sounds of our school in full swing - something that none of us will ever take for granted again.

We recognise that we are not clear of this pandemic yet. Further positive cases of Covid-19 amongst our community this week have further highlighted that. However, the fact that two of these cases were

detected by the at-home lateral flow tests demonstrated the importance of students continuing with this testing programme to help keep our community safe. Students will be returning home with more test kits to use throughout the Easter break and we do urge families to maintain the regime of twice-weekly testing, and informing us of any positive tests so that we can undertake our track and trace, including during the first few days into the Easter holidays.

Finally, thank you to everyone who took the time last week to give their views of The Misbourne via the Ofsted Parent View website. This is an ongoing review, which families can add to at any time, and we are always grateful for your input. The link to the website, for anyone who would like to provide feedback on the academy, can be found [HERE](#).

With best wishes for a relaxing weekend,

Jo Meloni

Whole school notices

Week commencing 29.03.21 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 in advance in the usual way each morning (by emailing 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.

Thursday 1 April - non uniform day

Thursday 1 April will be a non-uniform day for the whole school. In return, students are asked to each bring a £1 donation in advance or £2 on the day, which will go to their nominated smaller school charity: Thames Valley Air Ambulance (Attenborough); Tiggywinkles (Franklin); Mind (Holmes) and Dogs Trust (Turing).

Re-scheduled Inset Day

In an update to our school calendar, **Monday 7 June** will now be an Inset Day for the whole school. This replaces the Inset Day that was cancelled on Wednesday 10 March as students were returning to the school site. The Inset Day on **Monday 28 June** will still go ahead as planned.

Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

It was wonderful to return to having hot chocolate in person with this week's nominees - albeit socially distanced. It was the turn of Year 10 students to be nominated this week, for reasons including having an excellent attitude to learning; making a new form tutor feel welcome; producing excellent work and adapting so well to a new school. Congratulations to them all!



Covid-19 information update

Home lateral flow tests

A reminder that participating students are required to continue to test twice weekly at home with their lateral flow tests. This is proving valuable in identifying asymptomatic cases amongst our school community, which helps to safeguard the wider community against spread of infection. Participating students all have enough home tests to last until the end of term. During this week, students will receive further test kits to use throughout the Easter holiday and more information on this will be sent home next week.

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

Our April careers newsletter for families announces the launch of a new website to inspire the next generation about job possibilities, while supporting everyone with the latest skills, careers and redundancy advice. We have also highlighted upcoming events and resources to help young people develop their future goals and motivate them in their current studies. Please [click here](#) to read the full newsletter.

Wellbeing

Managing anxiety

Walking with You's latest newsletter [here](#) includes tips on how to help your child cope with anxiety as well as the details of organisations to contact if you need further advice.

Year group-specific notices

YEAR 7 and YEAR 8

Relationships and Sex Education: Years 7 and 8 will be commencing their statutory Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) unit next 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 8

Year 8 Core Assessments: The Year 8 formal assessments in English, mathematics and science, due to take place after Easter, have been rescheduled for **Monday 14 June to Wednesday 16 June 2021**. This change has been made due to the impact of lockdown and other periods of self-isolation that have affected Year 8. Further information regarding the assessments will be shared with families in due course, including guidance from subject areas on the format of the assessments and advice on revision strategies and assessment content.

YEAR 9 and YEAR 10

Relationships and Sex Education: Years 9 and 10 will be commencing their statutory Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) unit next 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 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 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 12

Schedule changes: Please note some changes to the Year 12 summer schedule:

- Year 12 Work experience week (1-2 day experiences tbc) will now be **Monday 21 to Friday 25 June**. (*Moved from 28 June to 2 July*).
- Y12 PPEs will be **Tuesday 29 June to Monday 5 July**. (*Moved from 17-21 May*)

Summer NCS Programme: Year 12 students attended a session with the National Citizen Service last Wednesday and are encouraged to consider the summer programme. For more information and to sign up visit www.wearencs.com

Community notices

Innovate, the catering company that runs The Misbourne Cafe, is seeking a Catering Assistant. If you may be interested in this role, please [click here](#) for full details.



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