



## The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

### Week commencing Monday 30 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 was encouraging to see so many Year 11 families join our first virtual Sixth Form Open Evening last night. Obviously, it's a great shame that we were unable to see you in person and have the chance to talk to you one-on-one about the many opportunities we believe our Sixth Form provides. However, we hope that you got a good flavour of what we have to offer from the online event, in particular from our Year 13 Senior Students, Lily, Ted, Niamh and Frazer, who did a wonderful job of representing our Sixth Form and answering your questions. The videos and presentation from the event are now on our website and, if you have any other questions you would like answered, please do use the [feedback form](#) to get in touch.

Earlier in the week it was wonderful to 'welcome back' - via Microsoft Teams - two former students to talk to our Year 12 and 13 students about their careers and the success they have had since leaving school. We greatly value the time and advice of our alumni, who provide invaluable inspiration to our current students.

Along similar lines, our Year 11 students also benefitted from a virtual talk from Bucks New University and Oxford Brookes University about university life. Hopefully this was a timely event that will provide food for thought as they start to consider their options post-GCSE.

I'll leave you with my chosen quote for next week, focusing on our value of Moral Purpose, and which, I believe, reflects the approach of many in #TeamMisbourne, "Work for a cause, not for applause. Live life to express, not impress. Don't strive to make your presence noticed just make your absence felt."

With best wishes,

**Jo Meloni**

# School Notices

## Sixth Form Open Evening

Thank you to everyone who joined our virtual Sixth Form Open Evening yesterday. If you missed it, or if you would like to see the videos and presentation again, please visit our website, [here](#). You will also find full information about our Sixth Form, together with short videos about all our courses and our Sixth Form prospectus.

## Free Data from Vodafone

We have been alerted to a campaign by Vodafone to provide 90 days of free data for students who may not have access to high-speed broadband at home. As a school we can apply for a SIM card for eligible students with 30GB data per month for 3 months. As this can only be requested via school, please contact us on [admin@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:admin@themisbourne.co.uk) if you feel you may be eligible.

## Careers information

### Bucks Skills Show 2020

We were delighted to take part in the Bucks Skills Show Online 2020 sessions last week. Across the County approximately 5,000 participants took part in the live lessons and evening webinars. The sessions that I attended were inspirational and informative. If you got the chance to join the webinars, I hope that you enjoyed the range of speakers and subjects as much as I did.

Not all students will have been able to participate in the sessions at school. If you would like to look through these at home, please [click here](#) to download a roundup of what the show offered. which contains links to all the recordings on the Bucks Skills Hub YouTube channel.

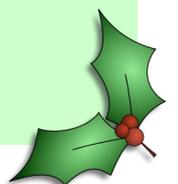
**Helen Hill, Careers Lead**

### Apprenticeships Information

The latest Apprenticeship Information Pack for Parents and Carers has just been published. [Click here](#) to access your copy.

## Christmas Card competition

All Year 7 and 8 students are invited to take part in this year's competition to design The Misbourne's official Christmas card. As well as the chance to see your design in print, there is the opportunity to win individual prizes and points for your small school. Entries need to be handed in to your art teacher by Wednesday 2 December, clearly marked with the student's name, small school and form. [Click here](#) for full details.



# Year Group-Specific Notices

## WHOLE SCHOOL

Week commencing 30.11.2020 is timetable Week A.

**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, Geography, MFL, DT/Food and Art.

## YEAR 8

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

## YEAR 10

**Consultation Evening:** Will take place virtually on **Thursday 10 December**. Families will need to book appointments via SchoolCloud, using the same login details as for previous parent consultation evenings. If anyone is new to the academy and does not have a login, please contact your child's school base. Bookings will open at 6pm on Thursday 3 December. Full details of how to make appointments will be sent home separately.

## YEAR 11

**Sixth Form virtual Open Event :** The videos and presentation from our Sixth Form online Open Evening are available on our website, [here](#). We would welcome your feedback on the event. Please use this [form](#) to give us your comments or to ask any questions that you may have.

Videos of each subject on offer are also available on our website. We apologise that there were some problems with the videos for [Drama](#) and [English Language](#). These have now been resolved and are available to view.

Applications to our Sixth Form are now open and can be accessed via the [Applications page](#) of our website.

## Community Notices

### MESSAGE FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

#### **Behaviour outside school (COVID):**

The government continues to prioritise the wellbeing and long-term futures of our children and young people and is not closing early years settings, schools, further education (FE) providers or universities during this current lockdown.

It remains very important for children and young people to attend, to support their wellbeing and education and help working parents and guardians. Senior clinicians still advise that school is the best place for children to be, and so they should continue to go to school. All our schools have implemented a range of protective measures to make them safe.

In Buckinghamshire we aim to maintain a secure, caring and stimulating environment in which all our children are encouraged to have respect for themselves and each other. We would like to remind everyone – pupils, parents, carers and staff - about the importance of social distancing when travelling to and from school. Children and young people aged 11 and over must wear a face covering on public transport. Face coverings should also be worn by pupils in year 7 and above when travelling on dedicated school transport to secondary school or college. This does not apply to those who are exempt from wearing a face covering.

Travel in or out of local areas should be avoided, and parents, carers and staff should look to reduce the number of journeys they make - but travelling to deliver and access education is still permitted.

Staff, children and their parents and carers are encouraged to walk or cycle when travelling to and from school where this is possible and to plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. This will allow social distancing to be practised.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/>