



# The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

## 07.06.21

Welcome to our Families' Bulletin for week commencing 7 June 2021. For more details regarding any of the information below, please click on the links or visit our website [here](#).



### Headteacher's message

I always experience mixed emotions at this time of year, as we bid farewell to our Year 11 and Year 13 students. Sadness, that this stage of their academic careers has drawn to a close, but excitement for them as they take the next step in their individual journeys.

As we said to Year 13 at their leaving assembly this week, "I could talk about how proud of you I am for the resilience, adaptability, creativity and sheer determination you have shown this past year...and I AM proud of all of those things. You have had to face more this past year than others that have gone before you. Yet in talking to many of you these past few weeks, I see you leaving us as well-prepared, confident, wide-eyed young adults, ready for all that the world has to offer you beyond the Sixth Form.

Whatever and wherever your next steps might take you, remember to take with you at least a small piece of The Misbourne. We have an unshakable belief that you can achieve anything you want and so

should you; we believe in the values of kindness and respect... and as a minimum, we hope that you carry these with you always."

We will look forward to the majority of our Year 11 students returning to our Sixth Form in September and, in the meantime, will enjoy seeing them and our Year 13 students at their results days in August. Between now and then, staff have produced some resources to help them on the next leg of their journey and we will write to students and their families after half term with where they can find this work to carry them through June/July, so that they feel fully prepared for September. I urge them to use the remaining time between now and then to relax and explore new avenues and interests.

For all of our other students who, incidentally, have done so well this past half term, I hope that the break from school gives them an opportunity to get out and enjoy the fresh air with friends and family.

Finally, in a year that has made it difficult for some of the fundraising activities we might usually do, our Friends of The Misbourne have been putting their creative hats on again. You will see details later in the bulletin of a number of ways that you can help to raise valuable funds to support the academy while simply going about your day-to-day activities. Please do use these links whenever you can - it's an effortless way for us to build additional funds for the benefit of our students.

With best wishes for a restful and relaxing half term break,

**Jo Meloni**



*1 - Now an annual tradition, our Year 7 formed a 'Ring of Respect' around our departing Year 11 students as they left site today. What a wonderful final send off after a delightful assembly led by Ms Hill, Year 11 form tutors and their school teams from Attenborough, Franklin, Holmes and Turing.*

## Hot chocolate with the Head

Congratulations to all of this week's Year 9 students to be invited to have Hot Chocolate with the Head. They were nominated for a variety of reasons, including outstanding academic achievement, consistently being polite, always working hard and accruing so many achievement points this half term. Well done to all of them!



## Whole school notices

Week commencing 07.06.21 is timetable week B.

### **INSET DAY - 7 June 2021**

A reminder that Monday 7 June is a whole school INSET Day. All students will return to school on Tuesday 8 June.

### **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.

## Summer School Uniform

We appreciate that hot weather can make the wearing of a blazer feel uncomfortable for some students. Therefore, in anticipation of some warmer weather and to provide clarity, it will not be essential for students to wear their blazers around school for the final half term of the year.

It is, however, important that all other items of uniform are worn and worn correctly, reflecting our high expectations. This includes all shirts being tucked in, skirts kept at a suitable length, and correct school shoes worn.

Your support in reinforcing this is much appreciated.

We will review this summer variation to the uniform for future years at the end of the term.

If a waterproof is required, students should bring a suitable waterproof coat to school. On days that they have PE, students should still come to school dressed in their PE kit but they will not be required to wear tracksuit bottoms; The Misbourne shorts or skorts may be worn in their place if preferred.

Students will return to wearing their blazer at all times when they return in September.

## Covid-19 information

### At home lateral flow testing

Please continue to ensure that all participating students carry out lateral flow tests twice weekly at home and upload their results onto [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result). Please notify the school immediately if your child receives a positive test result.

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

## Inter-school Bake Off winners

Mrs Kato, CL for Design Technology, Art and Photography reports:

From an amazing array of initial entries to the inaugural Misbourne Bake Off, the finalists assembled to compete against each other across two afternoons, with Holmes and Attenborough schools in the initial final, followed by Franklin and Turing schools going head-to-head in the next heat. There were some truly amazing final products and all the students had clearly put a lot of thought, effort and research into how to represent their smaller schools, producing some outstanding baked goods. The judging panel was blown away with the high quality of the outcomes, both visual appeal and aesthetic qualities. It was an extremely difficult decision to place a winner and runner up, as you can see from the final heat pictures, as they were all so amazing. However, taking account of the judging criteria, a decision was made. So huge congratulations to Jasmine in Year 9 for first place for her running track and medals cake and George in Year 11 for runner-up with his Peach cobbler bake based on Aretha Franklin's favourite pudding. Many thanks to all the other participants for their efforts and commitment to their final products, truly splendid all round! I hope others have been inspired by this year's entries and I am looking forward to seeing even more entries for the 2022 Misbourne Bake Off!



Kiera,  
Yr8



Emma,  
Yr8

Emily, Yr9



Raffy, Yr10

Harry, Yr8



George, Yr11



Jasmine, Yr9

## Sports Hall update

Despite the recent challenges presented by the inclement weather, work on our Sports Hall is progressing well. This week the shell of the building has started to go up, giving us a real flavour of the significant size and scale of the building. These photos, taken throughout this week, show the latest developments.







## Careers Information

Welcome to the June edition of our Classroom to Career newsletter for parents, carers and families. This month's issue is jam-packed with exciting activities to help support young people during the rest of the term. There are loads of virtual work experience opportunities, apprenticeships, a spotlight on the Space sector and much more! [Click here](#) to read it in full.

## Wellbeing

This week, the Child Mind Institute has compiled a number of resources to help parents and carers support struggling teenagers:

*If you have a teenager who's even [more moody than usual](#), you're not alone. In a study this spring, nearly half of parents surveyed reported that their teenage children's mental health suffered during the pandemic. Teenagers are feeling angrier, more depressed and more anxious. And as restrictions are lifted, some will need support to find their footing again.*

*This week on [childmind.org](https://childmind.org) we offer a new article on what parents can do to [help teens manage anger](#). And we take a look at some of the common mental health challenges teens face, and how to treat them. We explore how [substance use](#) can affect mental health issues. And because struggling teens can be*

*reluctant to get help, we offer advice on understanding where they're coming from and [encouraging them to buy into treatment](#).*

## Message from Friends of The Misbourne

### Bag2School Collection

Half Term; the perfect time to sort through your cupboards and donate all those unworn clothes and shoes or unwanted household textiles.

Friends of The Misbourne is running a textile collection with Bag2School in order to raise money for the school. As well as raising much-needed funds, it also helps the environment by keeping unwanted clothes out of landfill. Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

Simply use a black bin bag, or any other large bag that you have at home, fill it with adults' and children's clothes, shoes, hats, belts, handbags and soft toys and then bring it to school on collection day. See the full list of accepted items [here](#). Please note, all items must be good quality.

Bag2School will be collecting from school on **20 July, 2021**, so plenty of time to sort out your donations. Further details will be available shortly but we are planning a drive-thru drop off in order to meet COVID restrictions. Watch this space and get sorting! Further details on the website: [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com).



### Raise Easy Money For The Misbourne

Did you know there are many different ways to raise money for the school while you shop online?

Two of these are via Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile.

**Easy Fundraising** [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

Raise donations while you shop online with brands including Argos, John Lewis, M&S, eBay, Boots and many more.

Join up, choose your cause (The Misbourne – Bucks), shop online and raise funds for the school – Easy!



**Amazon Smile** <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

If you shop through Amazon Smile, rather than the main Amazon site, you can raise money for The Misbourne. Please choose The Misbourne School Fund as your chosen charity and the school will receive money every time you shop.

*Thank you for supporting our school.*



## Year group-specific notices

### YEAR 7

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

## **YEAR 8**

**End of Year assessments:** A letter was sent home last week providing details of the forthcoming Year 8 assessments in English, Maths and Science. Please [click here](#) for a copy of the letter.

## **YEAR 12**

Year 12 should have secured their Work Experience placements for w/c 21 June. If students / families need help with finding a placement, please contact Mrs Hill ASAP.

## **Community Notices**

### **Great Missenden CofE School Charity - funding applications now open**

The managing trustees of the Great Missenden CofE School Charity are inviting applications for financial grants or awards from young people aged 18-25 who live in the ecclesiastical parish of Great Missenden or attended Great Missenden CofE Combined School. They have specifically asked that the Award is publicised to Misbourne students. Please [click here](#) for more information and to find out how to apply.

### **Notice of Local Roadworks**

**29 May - 14 June:** UK Power Network will be doing work in Great Missenden High Street during these dates. There will be no parking between 5- 11 June.