



The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 7 September 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

This has been a unique start to term and one that I am sure we will all remember for a long time. As I write, we now have students from all year groups back in school, working their way around our new systems. They have smiles on their faces and we are all really pleased to see them back in their lessons learning together again.

I wanted to thank you all for your support in helping to make this week go as smoothly as it has. The gate systems and timings in the morning and after school are working well, students are following our Misbourne Covid Code and wearing their masks during transition times as expected. All of which means we can focus on the curriculum and the many other aspects of school life which we have all so missed.

I am looking forward to sharing news on students' work and progress as before as we go through the year. A great way for you to keep up-to-date with what is happening is through our website, www.themisbourne.co.uk, and our Twitter feeds, which are gaining more and more followers, which is absolutely fantastic. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to add @TheMisbourne or @MisbourneHead to your Twitter follows. From there you will also be able to link in to your relevant smaller school Twitter account (Attenborough, Franklin, Holmes or Turing), as well as the Sixth Form Twitter account, Careers and various others. If you don't use Twitter perhaps now might be a good time to create an account so you don't miss out on seeing some of the fabulous work of our students. Of course, we will also continue to keep you updated via this Bulletin and the relevant pages of our website.

I wish you all a restful weekend (your children should hopefully sleep well!)

Ms Jo Meloni

Back-to-School Support

A number of organisations have put together valuable resources to help support students and parents with the transition back to school:

- Witherslack has put together a series of webinars and downloads to support students with SEN: [click here](#) to access more information
- Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust continues to maintain its online resources, helping to support students experiencing difficulties. [Click here](#) to visit its website.

Year 7 & 8 Homework Schedules

In Year 7 and Year 8, homework is set on a rota basis to support students in developing skills of organisation and time management as well as building resilience. Each week, in the Year Group-Specific notices at the end of the Families' Bulletin, we will publish the homework expectations for the forthcoming week. All homework is set on satchel:one. Year 7 students will receive login details for satchel:one by the end of the day on Monday 7 September.

Science groups (Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 classes)

Since the start of this term, we have moved to mixed classes (not sets) for all Year 9 science classes and for the majority of Year 10 and Year 11 students, to enable all our students to access a broad and challenging science curriculum.

Students should have seen on their printed timetable, which they received in school, that their science groups are now called ScX, ScY and, for Year 9s, ScZ.

All students in Year 9 will still be able to continue on either a Triple or Trilogy (combined science) pathway following Year 9, no matter which science group they have been allocated to. Decisions about the best pathway for each student will be made towards the end of the academic year.

For Year 10 and Year 11, there will be separate classes for Triple science students as before (called Sc1 on the timetable), while Trilogy (combined science) students will benefit from mixed groups, called ScX and ScY.

If you have any questions about science groupings, please email Dr Jakoby on sjakoby@themisbourne.co.uk

School Notices

Every week in the Families' Bulletin, we will keep you up-to-date here with the latest activities and forthcoming events for each of our four schools. You can also follow each school on Twitter via:



MisbourneAttenborough @MisAttenborough



MisbourneFranklin @MisFranklin



MisbourneHolmes @MisbourneHolmes



MisbourneTuring @MisbourneTuring

Year Group-Specific Notices

WHOLE SCHOOL

Week commencing 07.09.2020 is timetable Week B.

YEAR 7

Routine subject homework is not set during the first weeks of term to allow students time to settle into life at The Misbourne and to support their wellbeing. Literacy homework activities will be set on a weekly basis by literacy teachers from w/c 7 September until Friday 9 October. Students will complete most of these activities in their Literacy exercise book. We also ask students to read at home for at least 15mins per day and ideally to read aloud to a family member.

YEAR 8

Homework schedule

This week, Year 8 students will receive 30 minutes' homework from each of these subjects: English; Maths; Science; History; MFL.

SIXTH FORM

Dress code

A huge thank you for all students and family efforts for our very well turned out and smartly presented new Year 12 cohort and returning Year 13s. The dress code is available [here](#) and our only feedback at the end of week 1 for improvement is that a few students still need to be wearing jackets/blazers around site, even if they are wearing a coat, and to be mindful that skirt lengths should not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee. We hope you have been or are able to take advantage of some of the incredible retail offers out there at the moment on smart business dress as we move 'back to the office' ahead of much of the country!

16-19 Student Bursary

Students in The Misbourne Sixth Form who experience financial constraints can apply to access additional funding to support their academic journey through their Key Stage 5 studies. Students who meet the eligibility criteria can access this additional funding to assist with the cost of transport, essential course equipment, meals in school, educational visits, uniform or other school resources, the cost of attending university or career interviews, or exam re-sit fees.

For full details of eligibility, please visit the Sixth Form section of the school website - the full policy and application form can be found there. The deadline for applications to be considered this term is **Friday 18th September**. For further information or if you have any questions about the bursary, contact Mrs Cook: ccook@themisbourne.co.uk

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HS2 works over-running

The HS2 highway improvement works scheduled to be completed by the end of September are expected to over-run by 2-4 weeks. Please [click here](#) to read the notice of highway improvement works, which outlines the one-way system that is in operation through Great Missenden. This may impact your route to school for its duration. There is also a virtual exhibition of the Link Road improvement scheme available [here](#).