



# The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

## 08.03.21

Welcome to our Families' Bulletin for week commencing 8 March 2021. For more details regarding any of the information below, please click on the links or visit our website [here](#).



### Headteacher's message

We are almost at the end of what we hope will be a final period of lockdown and all of the staff are really looking forward to students coming back into school next week. When we developed our new vision which includes the words... 'anything is possible,' we had no idea that these were the kinds of challenges we would be trying to overcome, but we have and we have come through it together.

Next week we will focus on welcoming students back, re-establishing routines, including the wearing of face masks in class for the next few weeks and seeing where students are at with their learning. As before, we want to avoid using phrases such as 'catch-up' or 'lost learning', this will only unsettle students who have already had to deal with so much. Instead, staff will be reviewing where students are at and identifying their 'next steps in learning', adjusting the curriculum accordingly.

We have updated our Families' Guidance, [attached here](#), and, as before, have included all of the DfE requirements to help keep our community safe. We would be grateful if you could reiterate to your child the importance of keeping to these guidelines, and in particular remembering to social distance on their journeys to and from school, wear a face mask on public transport and school buses and inside school buildings, and maintain good hand hygiene. We will also remind them regularly over the coming days and weeks.

We know some students may be feeling a little anxious about coming back, which we understand. As always, we are all in this together and your child's form tutor and school base staff (Heads of School, their Deputies and the School Co-ordinators), are there to support them, alongside so many other key support staff.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to site next week and we start with testing students in years 10-13 on Monday, followed by years 1-9 on Tuesday. If you have not given your consent or withdrawn your child from participating in the testing programme, please complete this [short survey](#) today.

Let's continue to work as a team to keep one another safe, to support those who are feeling vulnerable, and help each other to, step by step, ease our way back to a sense of 'normal life'.

With best wishes,

**Jo Meloni**

## **Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher**

This week it was the turn of some of our Year 9 students to have a virtual hot chocolate break with the Headteacher - hopefully the last online hot chocolate before we can start to have them in person once again. These students were recognised for their many outstanding contributions to school life, in particular their fantastic work during remote learning and resilience and positive attitude throughout lockdown.

***Congratulations to all the nominees!***



## Whole school notices

Week commencing 08.03.21 is timetable week B.

### **Remote learning and staggered return to site**

On Monday 8 March, work will be set for all year groups via Satchel:One. On Tuesday 9 March, years 10-13 will return to lessons on the school site and years 7-9 will receive lesson work via Satchel:One. On Wednesday 10 March, all students will be back on the school site.

### **Attendance**

If your child is unwell or unable to attend lessons for any other reason, please let us know in advance 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.

## Return to school reminders

We are very much looking forward to having all students on site again by Wednesday next week. As they are preparing their school bags and sorting out their uniform over the next few days, please remember:

- Everyone needs their own face mask and personal hand sanitiser
- Bring your usual full school [equipment](#) and a reading book
- On days that students have PE, they should wear their PE kit to school and stay in it all day. If they travel on a school bus, please bring a spare pair of shoes in a bag to wear home to prevent mud being walked onto the bus
- Students should have only one stud earring per ear and no facial piercings
- Hair should be a natural colour and students should not wear nail polish or fake nails

- Make sure your school uniform fits - our [stockists](#) are accepting online orders if you need anything. Hoodies must not be worn to school

## Covid-19 information update

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

## Lateral Flow Testing (LFT)

### **In-school Lateral Flow Testing (first three tests)**

All students who have provided consent will receive their first lateral flow test in school on Monday and Tuesday next week. Years 10-13 will be tested on Monday, and Years 7-9 on Tuesday. If you have consented to your child receiving a LFT you will have received a letter with your child's appointment time, registration card and barcodes in the post this week. All students must arrive at school 5 minutes prior to their appointment time. Parents must register their child for their test at least 12 hours in advance of their appointment time. Full instructions on how to do that are [here](#).

So your child knows what to expect when they arrive at school for their test, please watch this short [video](#) hosted by Ms Sudborough, our Student Welfare Officer.

Please ensure your child brings their registration card, bar codes and face mask to their appointment. They must leave site and return home as soon as they have had their test.

### **At-home lateral flow testing**

Once students have had their first three lateral flow tests in school, the Government is asking families to conduct twice-weekly testing at home.

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in

reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

For the latest Government guidance on Rapid Lateral Flow Testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff, please follow this [link](#).

## Celebrating our careers service

We were very proud to learn that The Misbourne has been nominated as a Careers Champion in the Careers & Enterprise Company and Gatsby Foundation's celebration of Careers Leadership for our work as Lead School in the Bucks Careers Hub. Particular mention was made of Mrs Hill, our Careers Leader, for her outstanding work in providing support across this network of Buckinghamshire schools.



## Careers advice

- This month's [Careermag](#) for Parents is jammed full of interesting features to inspire you for those conversations with your young ones about their next steps following compulsory education. There is further careers guidance on our school website [here](#).
- The February [Parents' and Carers' Pack](#) looks at NAW2021 highlights, apprenticeship entry requirements, apprentice and employer perspective articles, apprenticeships in the Care sector, T Level and Traineeship info, apprenticeships you may not know about and much more! For more apprenticeship information and advice for parents, visit their [parents page](#) for back issues.
- SPACE is a free programme of virtual events to give parents and carers the tools they need to help their young people through secondary school. The programme will also explore higher education, further education and the opportunities available to young people. Young people are encouraged to attend with their parent/carer. To register, complete this [form](#).
- Adviza (the organisation we contract our Careers Advice out to) are offering a free parents' webinar later this month. It will be a one hour session, aimed at parents and students in years 10 & 12, to talk about how they can support their child make education/career decisions and the options post 16/18. The webinar is on 16th March, 6-7pm. Please see the [attached flyer](#) and register via this [survey](#).

## Discover new ways to support your child through school and exams

S.P.A.C.E is a free programme of virtual events to give parents and carers the tools they need to help their young people through secondary school. The programme explores higher education, further education and the opportunities available to young people.

**TUESDAY 23 MARCH**  
7-8pm

### All About University & How to Apply

Make New University and Goford Brookes University will deliver a session all about University and how to go through the application process using UCAS.

**TUESDAY 30 MARCH**  
7-8pm

### Vocational Routes & Apprenticeships

Learn all about the different vocational routes on offer and how to apply for apprenticeships. A previous apprentice will also share her experience.

**TUESDAY 20 APRIL**  
7-8pm

### Student Finance

Goford Brookes University will help you understand how student finance works and other financial support available. The Trinity Leader will also give some top tips on budgeting.

**TUESDAY 4 MAY**  
7-8pm

### Wellbeing & Resilience

Positively MAD will deliver an interactive and reflective personal development workshop focusing on supporting students to become resilient to setbacks.

**TUESDAY 18 MAY**  
7-8pm

### Exam & Revision Tips

MAGE Training will share ideas of how we can encourage and promote healthy discussions between parent/carer and child with regard to studying and motivation.

✓ Young people are encouraged to attend with their parent/carer.

✓ Each session will have an additional 30 minutes allocated for a Q&A with a current student. It's optional for you to attend this.

✓ There will be a private Facebook group that you will be invited to join once you have booked your place so you can connect with other parents/carers and access more information and updates. Please note that this is optional and only for parents/carers.

[Click here to book your place!](#)

If you'd like any more information, please contact Hannah and Kat at [space@studyhigher.ac.uk](mailto:space@studyhigher.ac.uk)

[www.studyhigher.ac.uk](http://www.studyhigher.ac.uk)



## Lockdown Heroes Competition - last chance to enter

There's just one week left for students to enter our Lockdown Heroes Competition before it closes on **12 March**. So encourage your child to get creative to pay tribute to all those inspirational people who have helped see us through this challenging time. Full details are on the poster below. Send your entries to [16aliale@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:16aliale@themisbourne.co.uk).

## Lockdown Heroes Competition

### *What is it about?*

Out of incredibly trying times over the last year have come moments of hope, kindness, and inspiration. We would like to celebrate just some of the people who have stepped up to support others in the form of a multi-media competition! Whether it's NHS Key Workers or Bus Drivers, Teachers or Shopkeepers, we would like to show our appreciation to those who have put their own wellbeing at risk to keep our country going, by creating something fantastic in their honour!

*Exciting prizes to be won!*

### *You can submit:*

- A piece of artwork
- A piece of creative writing (a poem, an essay, a short story etc - 500 words max)
- A musical piece
- A video

*Deadline: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021*

*To submit entries, email: [16aiaie@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:16aiaie@themisbourne.co.uk)*

*Judges: Poppy, Nancy, Alice & Amrah in Year 11*

## Wellbeing



## Helping your child re-connect to school

Our school counsellor, Debbie Sharp, gives her advice on some simple ways you can help your child to start to reconnect with school, [here](#).

## Year group-specific notices

### YEAR 8

**Guided Choices information:** If you did not have a chance to watch our Guided Choices Information Evening on 3 March, all the videos will remain online [here](#) until 31 March. We encourage all Year 8 students and their families to watch the videos to find out more about their available options.

## YEAR 12

Students are encouraged to apply for the **NCS Summer** programme from the National Citizen Service. To find out more, we encourage families to view <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hcdzt6QRFLI&feature=youtu.be>. A full parent-guardian pack is available [here](#).

## YEAR 13

**Student Finance** applications have opened for students applying for September 2021. Go to [Apply online for student finance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) Students will attend a session on Student Finance next Wednesday in their Learning 4 Life lesson.



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