



# The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

Welcome to our Families' Bulletin for week commencing 1 February 2021. For more details regarding any of the information below, please click on the links or visit our website [here](#).



## Headteacher's message

As our fourth week of remote learning draws to a close, I am reminded of this week's quotation illustrating the value of 'Resilience',

**"Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again",** by Nelson Mandela.

We have certainly felt the ups and downs these past few weeks but I am continually impressed by the resilience shown by our whole community.

The support and patience you are showing as families to help with remote learning is wonderful to see, particularly given the many challenges I know that you are facing. Staff are also being incredibly resilient in our quest to provide the best possible learning and pastoral support, addressing new challenges as they arise with professionalism, patience and teamwork.

And finally our students, who we know must be finding all of this so strange and tough at times, yet they are turning up to their lessons and keeping on going. If I could ask just one thing of them in this coming

week, that is just to do a mental check-in with themselves to see if they need to make the shift from being 'present' to being 'participants' in any of their lessons. Actively engaging with their work by responding during question and answer sessions, via the chat function or in breakout rooms. That feedback and communication is critical for learning to take place, in exactly the same way as when in the classroom.

If anyone is in need of inspiration for what a young person can achieve, you do not need to look much further than the American Youth Poet Laureate, Amanda Gorman who delivered such a moving poem 'The Hill We Climb', at the President Biden inauguration last week. If you have not seen it yet, I recommend you take a few minutes to watch it here <https://youtu.be/cNFAICB8vxw>

Such a stunning example of what resilience and perseverance can achieve. She may have been speaking directly to the American people but her words resonated throughout the world and I will leave you with her final line, as something for us all to take into the week ahead. **"For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it, if only we're brave enough to be it."**

I wish you all a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

**Jo Meloni**

**Headteacher**

## **Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher**

This week it was the turn of our Year 12 and 13 students. They enjoyed a call with Ms Meloni over Teams who congratulated them for all of their hard work and got an insight into how they are coping with remote learning and looking after themselves.

Nomination reasons this week included gaining the highest number of achievement points for their 'school' and being the first students to apply to university this year. Congratulations!



## Whole school notices

Week commencing 01.02.21 is timetable week B.

### **Remote learning**

All year groups will be continuing their full timetable via Teams remote learning until 8 March 2021. During this time, there is on-site provision for vulnerable children and the children of key workers. If you would like to register your child for this provision, please complete this [form](#).

### **Half term childcare provision**

Buckinghamshire Council has asked us to collate information regarding any critical workers who may require support with childcare over the February half term holiday and are exploring the feasibility of offering childcare provision. Any provision offered would be by Buckinghamshire Council and not The Misbourne. If any critical workers would like to access childcare over half term, please let us know by emailing [admin@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:admin@themisbourne.co.uk) and we will pass on numbers to Buckinghamshire Council. They are not yet guaranteeing to offer provision but are looking to establish interest.

### **Attendance to Microsoft Teams lessons**

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.

## Extra-curricular daily programme

It is wonderful to see increasing numbers of students participating in our extra-curricular clubs at 2.30pm every day. If your child has not yet taken part, please do encourage them to sign up - there's definitely a club to suit everyone.

The links for all the activities for week commencing 01.02.21 are [here](#). Students will be able to open all of these in their Office 365 accounts.

We'd love to see and hear how students are getting on with these sessions, so feel free to email any photographs or comments to your child's school base or you can send a Tweet to **@TheMisbourne** or **@MisbourneHead**

## Student Support Group

The senior student leadership team has created a support group looking to provide any help and advice during this difficult time. As we were in a similar situation last year to many students now, we are looking to offer support and ideas that helped us through it. This will be through revision tips, advice on transitioning from year 11 to sixth form, online learning help, and anything that we hope will ease concerns that people may have.

To kick this off the student leadership team would like to ask all Year 9, 10 and 11 students to complete this [short survey](#). The Team are looking to offer advice on anything that is concerning or worrying any students, especially during online learning and studying for GCSEs. We've created this short questionnaire for us to find out what areas people are struggling with so we can help, so please feel free to mention anything you would like.

## Career & Apprenticeship information

8-14 February is National Apprenticeship Week. To mark this week, Bucks Skills Hub is hosting two free virtual events for students in Buckinghamshire schools to have their questions answered and hear from current apprentices about their experiences:

📅 An Introduction to Apprenticeships for Years 7-9. From 6pm to 7pm on Tuesday 9 February 2021. Book now by [clicking here](#).

📅 Finding & Applying for an Apprenticeship for Years 10-13. From 6pm to 7.15pm on Wednesday 10 February 2021. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

## Wellbeing



### Managing your priorities

Managing day-to-day activities during lockdown can sometimes feel overwhelming. Managing your priorities can help you to feel in control and identify which tasks need your immediate attention and which can be dealt with later. Use this chart as a guide to help you to create a plan of your own priorities.

	Urgent	Not Urgent
Important	<b>Urgent and important</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crises</li><li>• Emergencies</li><li>• Pressing problems</li><li>• Deadlines</li><li>• Last minute preparations</li></ul>	<b>Not urgent but important</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparation and planning</li><li>• Prevention</li><li>• Evaluation</li><li>• Improvement</li><li>• Relationship building</li></ul>
Not Important	<b>Urgent but not important</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interruptions</li><li>• Some calls</li><li>• Some emails</li><li>• Phone calls</li><li>• Mail</li><li>• Meetings</li></ul>	<b>Not urgent and not important</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Some emails</li><li>• Social media</li><li>• Social chat</li><li>• Escape activities</li><li>• Time wasting</li></ul>

### Supporting you and your child through lockdown 3.0

Witherslack Group is hosting a series of free webinars to offer families advice and support through lockdown. These include webinars on *Managing your and your child's mental health during self-isolation* and *How to provide routines in a time without routines*. To access these and register for the full range of webinars, follow this [link](#).

There is lots of wellbeing advice and contact details for external organisations that can help on the [Wellbeing page](#) of the school's website. If you are struggling with parenting an anxious child, please contact the school for further advice and assistance.

## Year group-specific notices

### YEAR 11

**Year 11 Consultation Evening: 4 February 2020:** the parents' consultation evening for Year 11 students and their families will take place virtually on Thursday 4 February from 3.30pm - 7.00pm. Families will need to book video 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 opened at 6.00pm on Thursday 28 January and will close at midday on Thursday 4 February.

Our teachers are looking forward to talking with you about your child's progress and next steps to secure the best possible outcomes this year. Consultation Evening is a really important opportunity to develop our collaboration in the best interests of your child. 65% of Year 11 families signed up after bookings opened but there's still plenty of appointments available. We were delighted that 92% of Year 10 families and 95% of Year 13 families have joined our virtual evenings so far - we hope to see our Year 11 families securing this level of engagement so that we can work together to support your child.



Date for your Diary!



Is it time for wine? Well, it definitely will be on Thursday 18th February at 7.30pm ... [?](#)

We've teamed up with the amazing The Online Wine Tasting Club and they're hosting a virtual wine tasting evening for us!

£4 from every ticket sale comes to the school so this is a fabulous fundraising event - tickets are limited so don't hang around, click on the link below to book:

<https://onlinewinetasting.club/products/online-wine-tasting-raising-money-for-fotm-february-18th-2021-7-30pm>

FOTM GIFT GUIDE: a ticket would make a rather lovely Valentine's gift ☺

## TIME FOR WINE? 18 02 21

Have fun, see friends (albeit virtually) and drink wine - all from the comfort of your own home!

FOTM is inviting you to a virtual wine tasting event. Simply sign up online, the wines will be posted to you and an expert from The Online Wine Tasting Club will talk you through the tasting via zoom. 7.30pm start. No designated driver required!

LIMITED SPACES SO  
BOOK YOUR TICKET NOW!

**£25** *per person*

♥ LOVED the wine?  
All attendees will get 10% off purchases from the winery!

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