

Parental Weekly Bulletin - Year 8

Week Commencing: 22nd January 2024/ 10th Rajjab 1445

Hadeeth of the week: "Whoever goes down a path searching for knowledge, God will make easy for him the path to Paradise." (Muslim)

Information for parent letter/newsletter:

More Good Days at School study (Years 8 and 9 only)

Our school is taking part in a national research project to look at the impact of support for young people to be a healthy and happy at school. The research will involve pupils in **Years 8 and 9 only**. It is being carried out by Anna Freud, a world-leading mental health charity for children and families. The findings from the research will be used to inform how schools support the wellbeing of their pupils in the future. You can find out more information about the research here.

Anna Freud would like as many people as possible to take part in order to aid its understanding about what makes a difference for children and their schools. If you do not want your child to take part in the study, they don't have to. It's a decision you may want to take together. If your child is in Year 8 or Year 9 and you DO NOT want them to take part, please complete this opt-out form:

https://redcap.idhs.ucl.ac.uk/surveys/?s=4YWYX4WH7TPRFHMX. If you are happy for them to take part, you do not need to do anything.

Key Dates

Winter Fasts – Every **Monday** and **Thursday**

Key Messages

A huge thank you for your support with the dropping off and picking up during the cold spell mid week. Please note the normal drop off and pick up at The Grand Venue will resume from Monday 22nd January 2024.

Absence

If your son is not going to be in school please call the absence line between 7:30-7:45am on 01254 918670 alternatively email the school anytime before 7:45am info@tibhs.staracademies.org

Lost Property

Please ask your son to look for lost items (coats, hats, PE kits, shoes, water bottles etc) on the lost property stall in the refectory

Message from the Engage Team - Fentanyl

Worryingly the Engage team have been informed by their colleagues in East Lancs that there have been some recent reports of Fentanyl being used by young

people although we have not seen this within Blackburn with Darwen at this time we all need to be alert and aware that there is potential for this to move from East Lancs to BwD.

The Engage team have liaised with Early Break to share information and inform understanding.

Fentanyl is from a group of medicines called opioids or narcotics.

If people take recreational drugs, such as cannabis, cocaine or heroin, while taking fentanyl, they are more likely to get the serious side effects. These include breathing difficulties, heart problems such as high blood pressure, seizure or fits and even going into a coma. The risk of overdose is high.

Some recreational drugs, such as cannabis, will also increase the risk of side effects from fentanyl – it may make people feel very sleepy or dizzy.

Taking heroin while you're on fentanyl is especially dangerous and are more likely to get all the side effects of fentanyl.

Please see the following links for guidance and support. MHST Newsletter

Detention/Enrichments

Please make sure parents make arrangements for pick up after a detention/intervention.

Enrichment/intervention

If your son has enrichment/intervention on a Friday, this will conclude at 12.40pm. Jumma Salah will take place at 12.50pm and then pupils will be dismissed at 1.10pm. If your son uses the bus, this will depart at 1.15pm.

Homework

All homework is recorded on MS Teams. Your son has been given his username and password. Please ensure that he logs on and completes all his homework within the specified time.

Reading Wise online homework to be completed.

- -15 minutes x English vocabulary
- -15 minutes x Multidisciplinary vocabulary

Maths online Homework: 1 hour x Sparx

Daily reading to take place for 15 minutes using the STAR Readers.

SPRING 1 - YEAR 8 EXAM SCHEDULE

	Year 8
Science	05/02/2024
Geography	N/A
History	N/A
RS	N/A
English	23/01/24 (P4)
Maths	07/02/24
Arabic	06/02/2024
French	08/02/2024
Urdu	08/02/2024
Computer Science/Computing	Co1 30/01/24 Co2 30/01/24 Co3 29/01/24 Co4 29/01/24
Business Studies	
NCFE/GCSE PE	
	8TDT1 - 02/02/24
	8TDT2 - 29/01/24
Engineering Design	8TDT3 - 01/02/24
	8TDT4 - 30/01/24

After school enrichment/intervention programme				
Lunchtime After School 3.05-3.55pt		After School 3.05-3.55pm		
Monday		Year 8s Lancashire Cup Rugby Period 3 – 4pm (Gareth Thomas)		
Tuesday	Reading Wise			
Wednesday	Reading Wise	Year 8 Football Training		
Thursday	Reading Wise	Year 8 – Maths (Targeted pupils)		
Friday		Year 8 English (Targeted pupils) Year 7/8 Rugby Training 12-2:30pm		
Saturday		Yr 7-10 & TB6 QEGS Football Fixtures (PRI)		

Homework Schedule:						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
English (Reading Wise)	Science	Hums	Tech Maths (Sparx)	Languages (Language Nut)		
•	Reading – 20mins daily	Reading – 20mins daily	Reading – 20mins daily	Reading – 20mins daily		

Uniformity:

If you would like to donate any spare uniform which is of good quality, please can you kindly wash the uniforms and put into a bag and send in with your son please send it into the schools main office who will upcycle the uniform to the highest standard. If you would like to purchase a uniform, please contact the office on 01254 918670 or email info@tibhs.staracademies.org

Personal Development Notices:

Uniform

Trousers – no joggers allowed under the jubbas – only school trousers or the below:



Jubbas – White with buttons and collars only as below:



Coats - Please ensure your son wears a black/blue/grey coat. Please can you ensure your son wears his coat during the cold spell.

Shoes – need to make sure they are formal shoes – no pumps or trainer shoes.

Lanyards – your son needs to wear his lanyard at all times. If he has lost it, please send him in with £2 **Unhealthy snacks** – no crisps/fizzy drinks/chocolates allowed in school

Punctuality – reminder of the school timings: Pupils should arrive by 7.40-7.45am. This supports with lining up in the morning. We want all pupils to be ready and focused and motivated by their HOYs morning briefing

Equipment – please make sure your son has all of his stationary including a pencil case. We are finding pupils are not bringing in pencil cases – please check this to support us.

Horseplay/physical aggression/play fighting – Please remind your sons to be mindful when they are moving around school or playing at break/lunches – if they do spot any pupils playing aggressively they need to report this to the nearest member of staff on duty. We have had to deal with a small number of pupils in Y8 & 9 and would like your support in making sure all pupils treat each other with respect. We will be sharing this message throughout the week.

Cyberbullying – The Trust have shared this informative booklet regarding cyber bullying for parents: https://bit.ly/3j9XIXg

<u>Immunisations</u> – The NHS have shared a FAQ regarding the upcoming immunisations: https://bit.ly/3kHt825

<u>Safeguarding</u> - Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Our responsibilities are governed by Keeping Children Safe in Education. This is available in a range of different languages and can be found here:

The National Grid for Learning - KCSIE Translate (lgfl.net)

We encourage all our parents to read the following information: https://www.tibhs.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Safeguarding-workshop-for-parents-carers.pdf

Our safeguarding team is:

