

Monday 12 March



There is plenty going on this week, starting with a French Play for all Year 7 and 8 students on Monday afternoon. Total immersion is one important aspect of language learning, that is why we are lucky to have three French nationals making up our languages team in school. However, we think opportunities to absorb students in the foreign language can be so beneficial, that is why we run a genuine French Exchange and act as hosts to visiting students from other countries (including our most recent visitors from Spain on Thursday and Friday last week).

On Tuesday we welcome students in Year 6 for their second liaison day. We were once more considerably over-subscribed this year and look forward to meeting those students on Tuesday who have been offered a place for September 2018. They will undertake a number of sample lessons and enjoy lunch before they return back to their feeder schools.

On Thursday our brightest mathematicians from Year 8 and 9 will take part in the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge. With team events and this individual competition we take as many opportunities as possible to be competitive in this field of problem-solving and mental dexterity. Good luck to all taking part.

On Wednesday we look forward to talking with Year 8 parents and carers about the progress of their son or daughter at our Parents' Evening. Students should be making appointments via their log book but parents should contact their child's form tutor if they are not sure of this process.

Last week I wrote home to all Year 7 and 8 parents and carers about an additional event in our calendar this term. On Tuesday 27 March at 6.30pm we invite all Year 7 and 8 parents and carers for a “Learning together” evening. This will have three workshops which we think would be useful to all parents and carers: e-safety and social media; a five-a-day approach to good mental health and learning in a linear examination world. We hope that despite the later notice of this event, that as many parents and carers as possible will be able to attend.

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