



AN UPDATE ON YEAR 13



Welcome back to the first newsletter of 2019. With UCAS completed, many of our Year 13 students are now in full receipt of their offers from universities. I would like to say a couple of things about these offers. Firstly, there is no immediate rush to finalise their choices, i.e. to make a firm and insurance choice and discard the other three potential offers. The students will be taken through this during their mentor periods (Week 2, Thursday, period 5) and therefore they should wait for this advice before making these decisions. I would also advise waiting on mock exam results, as these could help to inform their choices. The other point I would like to draw upon, is the number of

you that will have a child with an 'unconditional offer' and the need to have an in depth discussion with them about whether accepting this offer is the right choice for them. If you or your child would like to discuss offers with me, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

You may also have been made aware of student loan application suggestions or prompts. Again, there is no rush for this to be done and we will take the students through this process. I usually advise students to do this over the Easter holidays, but they will need your help with this as the questions will relate to household income. You must complete student loan applications before early May, or else risk not receiving student loans in time for the autumn. I will remind students about this frequently so as to prevent anyone from missing this deadline.

The mock exam period is now upon us and will be held in the sports hall in an attempt to mimic the real experience of the exams as closely as possible. A copy of the mock exam timetable is available on the school website and Frog and you should have received an individualised copy. Please do get in touch if you have any queries about the exams process. This is the last chance for students to experience a set of exams in these conditions before the real thing in the summer – the more seriously they take them, the more reflective the results will be and therefore the more value these exams will have. Please do support the students in their quests to study hard for these exams.

Students have been encouraged by their tutors to make a revision timetable, and should be maximising opportunities for independent study, both at school and at home. If you would like to discuss strategies for supporting and encouraging your child with independent study, then please contact Mrs Reid the sixth form study skills manager.

A note about Year 13 prom, which will be on Wednesday 26th June: The tickets need to be paid in full by using the parent online system www.scopay.com. If you have not paid the deposit, it is still possible to purchase a ticket. Please contact the school office, or directly email Miss Andrews on eandrews@greenshaw.co.uk.

Finally, I would like to share with you a link to the website made by Yilmaz (13BB). Yilmaz created this project in preparation for his university interviews with support from Greenshaw staff and students. His hard work has paid off, and he has been offered the opportunity to study film at his first choice university. Well done, Yilmaz. www.yilmazustunkaya.com/being-british

Miss Larkin, Head of Sixth Form, and Mrs Ayres, Deputy Head of Sixth Form





SPEAKING OUT

Jack Petchy's *Speak Out Challenge* has taken over assemblies throughout January, with three amazingly talented Year 10 students presenting personal speeches to all year groups. Alison, Anwar, and Alessandra have stood up on stage and courageously shared three incredible and poignant speeches with each year group in order to share their passionate ideas and spread an important message. *What is Beauty?* from Alison invited all students to question the intense beauty standards that society holds them to and that they might inadvertently inflict on others. *Family Tree* from Anwar reminded all students to care for the ones who care for you, because while there is joy and love in the world - there is also loss as well. *Pro-Respect* from Alessandra questioned the double standards that extremist views on abortion can inflict on the most vulnerable women in society.



The *Speak Out Challenge* is all about building confidence and recognising the power of words when shared with intention and genuine belief. The ability to speak up for what we believe in, what we think is right, and what we think should change are, always have been, and always will be incredibly important skills for the progression of society. These speeches have not only been food for thought for all students and staff that saw them, but hopefully an inspirational message to everyone that using your voice is a powerful and rewarding tool.

One of these three speeches will be moving on to compete at the Sutton Regional Finals, but all of them have impacted the school.

Miss Wilcox, English Teacher

WELLBEING SUPPORT

Ensuring that all of our students are happy, and feel safe, is our most important objective. Sutton Young Peoples' Emotional Wellbeing Support offers a range of additional support services for our young people. These are particularly important outside of school hours, for example, during the school holidays.

Drop in provision:

Off The Record (OTR), Sutton young people's counselling service, offers a weekly drop in service every Tuesday from 3.30-5.30pm (these times change over holiday periods).

If you are aged 11 to 25, you can drop in at our main office at 172 Croydon Road, Beddington CR0 4PG to speak to a counsellor with no appointment needed. For further information please go to: www.talkofftherecord.org/sutton

School nurse drop in:

The school nurse provides a drop in service during term time.

Telephone/online support:

- Samaritans on 116 123 email jo@samaritans.org
- Childline 0800 1111
- *Off the Record Online* counselling service for young people aged 11-25 in Sutton. Sign up at <https://talkofftherecordonline.org/>
- *The Mix* – support for young people under 25. Telephone 0808 808 4994, one-to-one chat and crisis messenger text service <https://www.themix.org.uk/>

For parents and carers:

if you are concerned about your child/young person, please feel able to contact the Sutton Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Single Point of Access (SPA) on 020 3513 3800 (option 1) and ask to speak to the duty clinician, who will be available 9am-5pm to discuss any concerns.





YEAR 13 ASSEMBLIES – SPRING TERM

27th February – School matters

13th March – Cognitive load

27th March – Making our mental health better

KEY DATES – YEAR 13

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| Ski trip dry slopes practice | 5th February | End of spring term | 5th April |
| How to keep your child safe online | 13th February | Start of summer term | 23rd April |
| Fashion trip to New York | 14th-19th February | May half term | 27th May to 31st May |
| February half term | 18th February to 22nd February | Year 13 Prom | 26th June |
| Mock exams start | 25th February | End of summer term | 23rd July |
| Positive mental health presentation | 5th March | A level results day | 15th August |

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ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE SCHOOL

SPARE TIME IN THE NEW YEAR??

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Do you have a spare couple of hours each week to volunteer??
Are you a parent, grandparent or have parenting experience??
Would you like to make a difference to a family??

Home-Start is a voluntary organisation supporting families with a young child under five who are struggling. We recruit volunteers to visit families in their own home for a couple of hours each week to offer emotional and practical support and friendship.

Our Preparation Course will be starting on Wednesday 27th February 9.30 – 2.30pm for eight Wednesdays (excluding the two week Easter half term) completing on Wednesday 1st May. Expenses are paid.

To find out more or to apply for a volunteer application pack please contact:-

Home-Start Sutton on 020 8647 6501 (admin@homestartsutton.org.uk)

An enhanced DBS check and references will be undertaken. Home-Start Sutton positively encourages people with parenting skills from all sections of the community to volunteer.

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ARE YOU A CONFIDENT PARENT?

TV PRODUCTION COMPANY MONKEY KINGDOM ARE LOOKING FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 5 & 13 FOR A BRAND NEW PARENTING EXPERIMENT!

ARE YOU CONFIDENT IN YOUR PARENTING ABILITY?

ARE YOU PROUD OF YOUR PARENTING?

DO YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR PARENTING STYLE?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR APPROACH WITH OTHERS?

WHETHER YOU'RE A COUPLE OR A SINGLE PARENT, WE WANT YOU TO GET IN TOUCH AND TELL US WHAT MAKES YOUR PARENTING STYLE SO GREAT!

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