

16th September 2016

Chipping Sodbury School

# Newsletter



## Forthcoming Dates

### September

21st Student Photos Y7,9,11,12/13

### October

6th National Poetry Day  
13th Cotswold Edge Open Eve  
13th—16th Berlin Trip Y13  
21st End of Term 1  
31st Start of Term 2

### November

14th INSET

## Results 2016



### GCSE

We are celebrating a strong rise in results this year, up 6% on last year. 57% of all students achieved the benchmark 5 GCSE passes at C or above including English and maths. 15% of all students achieved five or more A\* and A grades and Mr Millington was really delighted for the students who had worked so hard for their results. Particularly outstanding amongst these sets of results were James Doody with 7 A\*'s 2A's and a B, Lucia Sadier 5A\*'s.1A , 1B , 1C, Courtney James 4A\*,6A's, Alex Langridge 4A\*'s , 4A's ,2 B's, and Rebecca Craddock 4A\*'s,3A's,3B's.

We are also delighted with the performance of several subject areas which have gained results way above national averages with maths gaining 75% A\*-C ,Biology , Chemistry and Physics all gaining 100% A\*-C, Child Care 74%, Geography 87%, History 79%, Art 82%, RE 94% and French 74%.

Mr Millington said "We are so pleased that the school continues to move forward so resolutely, these are very strong results and will be surpassed next year once again – we are really looking forward to welcoming our new year 7's next week who we will start along the path to excellence from day one."

### A LEVEL

Ms Hilleard, the Head of Sixth Form congratulated all this year's Year 13 students.

This year's cohort continued the trend of improvement with the average point score per entry for academic qualifications rising to 206 and the average point score per entry for vocational subjects rising to 220.

Mr Millington said that he was very impressed with the dedication and hard work from the students during their final year. " It has been a delight to watch them grow and now to achieve such a strong set of results." He was also keen to thank all the staff who had contributed to the students' success.

Significant achievements amongst the year group included: Scott Mason A\* A A; Ellen Vines A\* A\* B; Hollie Bidwell A\* A C; Kirsty Campbell A\* A B; Megan Wood A A B and Kelsey Lloyd Distinction\* Distinction \* B.



## GCSE Parent Workshop

Y10 and Y11 students will have the opportunity to take part in some study skills and motivation workshops during October and in addition, there will be a presentation for parents on Wednesday 12th October between 5pm and 6pm. This will explain the skills covered in the student workshops to help parents support their son or daughter's study habits.



## Coming Soon :

Busta Rhyme gives you the



opportunity to write a poem about something you feel passionately about.

## GCSE French Support Drop-In

Wednesdays, Week 2



Lunchtime in L1

For help with grammar, homework, pronunciation, language learning skills...

## Young Writers : CSS students Masters of Suspense!

Last July many of our students entered the Young Writers' Spine-Chillers Mini Saga Competition. I'm delighted to say that 58 of our students (ranging from Year 8-13) have been successful and now have the opportunity to be published in a special anthology! The work has been selected for publication based on imagination, perception, expression and creative use of language. This is a great achievement which these students can be proud of.

A copy of the book the students' work appears in, **Spine Chillers- Alone in The Dark**, will be sent to the British library and further libraries across the UK and R.O.I providing a lasting record of their achievement. The school will also be sent a complimentary copy which is scheduled for publication on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016.



For this competition the top five writers will win a Kindle Fire HD. The prizes for the best schools are £1,000 first prize, £500 second prize and £250 third prize. Winners will be chosen and notified by post once all the books from the competition have been published. Congratulations to all those who took part and I hope this achievement will encourage confident participation in future creative writing activities

Well done to everyone who took part !  
Miss Mills

### Instrumental Lessons and Music Ensembles

Instrumental lessons have started for the term - please make sure you check the timetables so you don't miss your lessons. Anyone wanting to start learning an instrument from January should speak to us in the Music department.

We have also started rehearsing ensembles - please come and talk to Mrs Boulton or Mr Cox about joining Choir, Guitar Ensemble or Orchestra this term.

### Parent Governor Elections

Applications are invited for two vacancies for parent governors on the school's governing body. Details are on our website. Closing date is 9.15am 30th September.



## Inter-House Cross Country



Well done to all of those that took part.  
PE Faculty

### Year 9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Frome
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Trym
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Avon
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Severn

### Year 8

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Avon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Frome
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Severn
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Trym

### Year 7

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Avon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Frome
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Severn
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Trym