

Chipping Sodbury School

Newsletter

From Ms K Turner
Interim Headteacher



Forthcoming Dates

October

11th Lion King trip
18th Parents' evening 1
18th New York trip
20th End of term 1
30th Start of Term 2

November

13th Inset day
16th Cotswold Edge open evening

It is a pleasure to write to you as I approach my new role in our school; I feel incredibly honoured to have been appointed as Interim Headteacher. I am very proud of Chipping Sodbury School and our fantastic students. I know my first priority is to make sure our young people are happy and feel safe. We then aim to instil in them a love of learning, the desire to work with purpose and enthusiasm, and to help them make their own unique contribution to the life of the school and the wider community. I am committed to ensuring that the school will retain the inclusive ethos and values which are integral to our culture; something that most visitors to our school invariably compliment us on.

It is however with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mr Millington this week. He has been a fantastic leader for the past seven years. His compassion, integrity and commitment to our students are qualities which I respect and will continue to promote. Mr Millington has transformed our school. It is now over-subscribed and is the school of choice for local parents and those further afield in South Gloucestershire. We will miss him greatly but wish him the very best in his new ventures.

Netball matches v WIA – Wed 20th September

Various age groups faced up against Winterbourne International Academy, and this is how they got on:

Year 7 – Won 20-0, player of the match was Destiny

Waters

Year 8 – Won 6-3, player of the match was

Carys Stephenson

Year 9 – Lost 18-7, player of the match was Rosie

Jones

U16s – Won 36-15, player of the match was Poppy

Smith

A great start to the season.

Absence Calls

Please be aware there is a 24 hour dedicated absence line 01454 862952 that can be used for absence messages any time of day rather than using the main school telephone number after 8am. Please add to your stored mobile telephone numbers.

Personal Tutoring in the Sixth Form

The first term is now in full swing and our team of personal tutors have begun their meeting schedule with the sixth formers. This involves regular meetings, on a one-to-one basis, in the sixth form block during tutor time.

In year 12 this means that the tutor will get an overview of each student's needs and aims and construct simple and achievable targets that will focus on moving each student in the direction they need to go. As a basis for all discussions we focus on 'VESPA': Vision, Effort, Systems, Performance and Attitude. Initially we check that the student has proper organisation systems in place and is working at an appropriate level (as, for some, the sixth form can be something of a shock).

The targets are reviewed and amended each meeting to ensure we are constantly driving students on to achieve their best.

In year 13 at this time of year we are gearing up for UCAS applications and checking personal statements whilst ensuring the students are going full steam ahead with their work.

Of course this tutoring is an incredibly valuable support system for all students and the more effort they put in to achieving their targets the more successful they are in school and in moving towards their aspirational goals.

Sodbury Sporting Success

Year 9 Rugby

The Year 9 rugby team kicked off their season with a tournament at YIA. The team easily overcame YIA, winning 20-0. They then won a hard fought match against Marlwood 15-10 and won by the same score against Bradley Stoke.

The final game was against Brimsham which proved to be the most physical game of all. CSS won the game 20-10 to round off an excellent tournament for the team.

A special mention must go to Cory Gillard who led from the front as captain and made some huge tackles in every game.

Well done to all of the boys involved:

Cory Gillard, Ben Keeping, Ed Lovell, Ed Walters, Sam Davis, James Offer, Harry Toogood, Luke Savage, Mark Southron and Harvey Todd.



U16's Rugby

The Under 16's rugby team kicked off their season with a 'triad tournament' at YIA.

The first game finished with a 17-5 victory over YIA, Matt Day scoring a brace and Max Elliott going over for the third try. There were some excellent passages of play and exciting attacking rugby being played.

Marlwood proved a tougher opposition, with the score finishing 17-7 to Marlwood.

It was a really encouraging start to the rugby season, especially with only one training session being held prior to the tournament.

Well done to all of the boys involved:

Eddie Holden, Matt Day, Nathan Penny, Joe Jefferies, Sam Ford, Haydn Wollen, Tobie Parsons, Max Elliott, Mason Dando, Reuben Forrester.



Maths Calculator Sale

We have received a number of enquiries from both parents and students about the possibility of buying a calculator through the Mathematics Faculty.

It is possible to offer the following models at very competitive prices:

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| CASIO FX-83GT PLUS | £6.50 |
| CASIO FX-85GT PLUS | £7.75 |
| CASIO FX-911EX | £18.50 (Suitable for year 12 A level studies) |
| CASIO FX-9750GII Plus | £45 (Suitable for year 13 A level studies) |

Payment for the calculator can be made via ParentPay, the school's on-line payment system at www.parentpay.com. The closing date for payment is **Monday 9th October 2017**.

For further information your son or daughter will have received a letter via the school email system.

Sodbury Slog –

Please can you spare an hour or two to raise money for the school?

I am organising the catering for the Sodbury Slog, on Sunday 12th November to raise money for the school. I'm looking for help from parents to serve hot drinks and bacon rolls from 9am to 2pm. I would also be grateful for donations of cakes to be sold on the day. If you are able to help please contact Kate Pearce on 07871266224, or email katesteve.chipping@blueyonder.co.uk. Thank you.