

# Head's Newsletter

29 April 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you had an enjoyable and restful Easter break, and that it has been a settled start to the summer term for your child(ren).

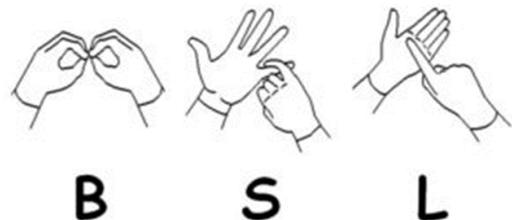
## Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Preparation Sessions

There was a fantastic atmosphere amongst those participating in Duke of Edinburgh prep sessions in the sunshine last week. Students demonstrated an excellent attitude towards the challenges and sessions, which included first aid, cooking with camping equipment and putting up tents!



## Deaf Awareness Week – British Sign Language (BSL) Sessions

Next week is Deaf Awareness Week and we have someone coming in to run BSL taster sessions with students on two lunchtimes - Tuesday 3 May for Years 7 and 8 and Thursday 5 May for Years 9, 10 and 11. Interested students should contact Mrs Nethersell-Webb.



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## **Hobart Alumna Success – Ellie Bishop**

During the course of Easter break, we learnt of some fantastic news regarding the career of Ellie Bishop, a former Hobart student from the class of 2020. Ellie has played for Norwich City Ladies this year as left back/centre back, and has just helped them survive relegation from their league. She has started most games, which is some achievement given the team plays tier 4 women's football. Ellie has grown as both a person and a player over the season. Spurs have tracked her progress with the Norwich City Ladies, and this resulted in an invitation to play in a few friendlies. Spurs have now made Ellie an offer to play for them next season, and there has also been an offer from Birmingham City. Both teams compete in the Women's Super League (WSL). Many congratulations to Ellie!



## **Readathon Update**

Further money has been raised as part of the World Book Day readathon and the total now stands at a fantastic £615! Well done to all involved and thanks to Mrs Briggs-Mee for her leadership. The funds are for children who are in hospital.



## **Student Voice**

I had the pleasure of meeting the student voice leadership team for the second time in 2022 during the opening days of the term. This time around, the topics of discussion included mobile phones in school, signposting of support in school and our work towards challenging prejudicial language. The maturity and depth of discussions are no longer a surprise, but it remains a privilege to be part of them. We have a third meeting booked for later in the half term when the remaining themes raised by students will be discussed and feedback will be given on the actions taken so far.

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## **MFL Speaking Exams**

Year 11 language students have been assessed for the speaking element of their GCSE courses during the week. Well done to all those who have now completed this important exam.

## **GCSE Year 10 Revision and Exams Evening**

Thank you to all families and student who attended this event. We hope you found the information useful – it will be emailed out to Year 10 families who may have missed the event.

## **Forthcoming Science Lecture at Hobart**

I am delighted to announce the return of Science lectures to Hobart. On Thursday 12 May, Alina Ivan will present on "Mastering Memory" – a topic both fascinating and extremely useful! Alina works with Augmentive, a mental health start-up, and as a researcher at the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience, King's College London. Full details can and a ticket reserve form are included within the separate attachment.

## **Year 9 Catch-up Immunisations**

Catch-up immunisations for Meningitis ACWY/Diphtheria/Tetanus and Polio take place on Friday 6 May. Please be aware that consent needs to be provided through the online portal which we believe closes on 4 May. Details were provided in a previous Group Call message.

## **Invigilators Needed**

We are looking to recruit exam invigilators to support our summer GCSE season. If you are interested, please visit the vacancies page on our website [here](#).

## **Year 11 Wisepay Accounts**

As Year 11's will soon be leaving school, please ensure they do not have a large balance left on their Wisepay Food and Drink account. We will be able to refund any balances over £5 left that have been made online, or can transfer them to a siblings Wisepay account if you prefer. Balances under £5 or deposits made via the cash loader in school cannot be refunded, so please encourage your child to spend any funds left before the end of the exam period. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the finance team via email, [finance@clarionacademytrust.org.uk](mailto:finance@clarionacademytrust.org.uk)

Best wishes and have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

**Ross Li-Rocchi**

Head of School