



Parent Bulletin – week ending Friday 20th March 2020

Dates for Diary:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
18/03/2020	09:00 -14:45	Year 10 MFL Day – University of Kent
19/03/2020	POSTPONED	Year 12 Parents' Evening
23/03/2020	POSTPONED	Spring Concert
24/03/2020	08:30 – 16:30	Year 8 Geography Trip Greenwich Ca,Ch & Pr (Surname Ba – Dud)
25/03/2020	08:30 – 16:30	Year 8 Geography Trip Greenwich Ph,Po & Pr (Surname Dun – Za)
26/03/2020	POSTPONED	Year 9 Parents' Evening
27/03/2020	08:45-16:00	Year 12 UCAS HE Fair Detling
02 – 15 April Easter Holiday		
22/04/2020	09:00 – 15:30	KS5 Geography Trip Margate
23/04/2020	16:00 - 19:00	Year 7 Parents' Evening
27/04-01/05 2020		Year 10 Internal Examinations
04-15/05/2020		Year 09 Internal Examinations

Careers Corner - Mrs Freeland

Dear Parents and carers, please find below information about an upcoming careers events suitable for students and adults.

Any questions do contact me jfreeland@dgsb.co.uk

Dover Employment & Opportunities Fair - Dover Town Hall Sun 29th March 9.30-2pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/employment-opportunities-fair-tickets-90462171791>

Employment & Opportunities Fair Tickets, Sun 29 Mar 2020 at 10:00 | Eventbrite

Join local service providers, groups and clubs at this one off event to help you find solutions and take control of your career. Whether it's getting that promotion, getting training in a new skill, seeking a new job, starting a business, rejuvenating your business, or residual income you're looking for; there's something for everyone.

www.eventbrite.co.uk

KS3 Charity, Ironman Relay Challenge at Betteshanger– Mr Platts

On Wednesday 11th March 2020, 40 Key Stage 3 students attended Betteshanger Park to complete their Ironman Relay Challenge (2.4 mile row, 112 mile bike and 26.2 mile run) in aid of Tiny Toes, our chosen charity. All students were absolutely amazing and conducted themselves brilliantly supporting one another around the track on all disciplines, I was truly proud of the students and not only did they smash the 140.6 miles (Ironman Total) within their relay teams they went onto complete even more within each of the disciplines with 1 team completing a very impressive 245 miles. The total distance completed by all the teams was over 750 miles which would equate to just over 5 individual Ironman distance races. Extraordinary effort!

I just want to thank Nolan at **Betteshanger Park** for his support and help with organising the event. Please do check out some of the awesome activities that are on offer over the upcoming Easter Holidays. When booking on please reference us as school.

Thank you to **Crosskeys Coaches** for their excellent service with getting our students to and from the venue safely and for the ongoing support with our charity fundraising.

Can I please ask all those that have taken part in this section of our **Tiny Toes Charity** fundraising events to begin to collect any sponsorship monies and return these to Mr Platts in the Key Stage 3 office. We are currently sitting at around £1350 raised to date. A huge thank you to those that have donated and supported our KS3 Students and team.

There are still ways to donate if you would like to contribute to such an inspiring cause. Please click on the link, leave a donation and a little message so that we know who you are. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jamie-platts5-7-2019>

Music – Mrs Simes

Music ensembles next week:

Monday 16th Mar - Rebel Clefs, 1:40, MU1 (yr7&8 singers)

Tuesday 17th Mar - Major Highlights, 1:40, MU1 (all singers welcome)

Tuesday 17th Mar - Ukulele club, 08:30-09:00, MU1 (***NEW TIME***)

Wednesday 18th Mar - Big Band, 1:40, MU1 (brass, woodwind and guitarists welcome)

Wednesday 18th Mar - Rock Band, 3:30-4:30, MU1 (guitarists, vocalists and keyboard players welcome)

Wednesday 18th Mar - Joint Band @ DGGS, 4-5 (instrumental players, grade 1 or above)

Thursday 19th Mar - Theory Club, 1:40, MU1 (all welcome, especially GCSE musicians)

Friday 20th Mar - Orchestra, 1:40, MU1 (all instrumental players welcome)

Spring Concert - Monday 23rd March, 6pm in the school hall (a letter has been issued to performers via ParentMail)

GCSE/A Level musicians: Remember that you are welcome to use MU1 for private practice on any day of the week (before school; break times; lunch times). *Yr11* - intervention session on Monday 16th March in MU1, 3:30-4:30. Mr Shaw is running composition sessions at DGGS on Tuesday and Friday after school. Sign in at reception and ask for Mr Shaw.

Year 11 GCSE Musicians: Performance recordings will take place on Thursday 19th March. The schedule has been issued.

If you would like **1:1 instrumental/vocal lessons**, please collect a letter from Mrs Simes in MU1. We offer tuition in: violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, drum kit, guitar and voice. Instruments can be borrowed from school if necessary (at no cost). **Financial assistance (up to 75% of fees paid)** is available through **Kent Music** for anyone who qualifies for the following: Children and young people eligible for Free School Meals; Universal Credit which has replaced the following benefits: Child Tax Credit, Housing Benefit, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Working Tax Credit; Incapacity Benefit; Looked After Children; Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit).