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VILLAGE COLLEGE



Weekly Mailing 28.04.23

It has certainly been an incredibly busy week here. On Monday, our Year 8s started their practise exams and I want to thank all the students for taking these seriously and for conducting themselves very maturely over the course of the two days. These practise exams are an important element for preparing our students for GCSE exams, so they feel comfortable with their surroundings, as well as the process of exams. Well done to our young mathematicians that also took part in the Maths Challenge on Wednesday.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we were visited by Ofsted. The inspectors that joined us, thanked our students for their contributions during their visit and as always, our students were a credit to themselves and the school. I look forward to sharing the full report with you when this comes through to us around early June.

Over Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings we held our Year 9 parents' evenings. On Tuesday, our Year 9 & 10 Dance students took part in a dance workshop, and finally on Wednesday our Year 7 football team played away to Soham.

As we look to next week, to remind you Monday is a Bank holiday and Tuesday is the next planned Teacher Strike day. I am delighted that Mrs Pattison joins us as Vice Principal, and I am sure you will see her around as she introduces herself to students and parents alike.

Year 9 & 10 Dance workshop

The Year 10 and Year 9 GCSE students had the opportunity to have a workshop with freelance dance artist Clare Palethorpe of Rubix Dance who has also worked extensively with the exam board AQA as an examiner for the GCSE course our students take. Clare ran a full day workshop with our Year 10 Dance students in which they learned the two set phrases that they are examined on and Year 9 Dance students joined in during the afternoon to learn a set phrase too. The students worked extremely hard and Clare's advice and guidance will prove to be invaluable to the students in their GCSE practical exams.



Year 9 Latin



This week our Year 9 Latin students learnt about and created their own curse tablets. Made by the Romans, who had suffered an injustice, Romans would ask for wrongs to be put right and for revenge. Romans would inscribe curses against specific people on metal sheets and offer to the gods.



Communications sent home this week:

- FW Strike action Thursday 27 April and 2 May
- Year 11 Maths club
- Inspection by Ofsted

Wishing you all a relaxing bank holiday weekend.

Ms V Poulter

Principal

Respect, Resilience, Responsibility