

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is nice sometimes to have a week where things tick along nicely and there are no surprises. I make no apologies for this letter being on reminders and notifications of things coming up in the diary.

Open Mornings Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd February

We are holding our open mornings for parents of our prospective students who are currently in Years 5 and 6, and for our current students in Year 7 on Wednesday 2nd February and Thursday 3rd February. Parents have been asked to arrive at 9:30am and depart at 11:45am. Please note the morning has not been organised for drop-ins. There will be a full programme of four activities which include talks, a tour and time with the Year 7 students.

Towards the end of the morning our Year 10s and 11s will host you for coffee and cake as part of their hospitality course whilst you can chat with the Senior Leadership Team in the dining room.

EHCP Day

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that we are holding our Education Health Care Plan Day on Thursday 10th February. Arrangements are different than in previous years as we are freeing up staff who really know and work with the children to conduct meetings with you. We will also have College staff for Year 11s and other external support teams on site to facilitate the day.

To ensure we have appropriate staff available your child will only be on the school site for his or her meeting and will learn from home for the rest of the day.

We appreciate that this is not ideal, but recognise how important Education Health Care Plans are and want to invest the appropriate amount of time and staffing into it. We can only do this by trading off teachers attending meetings rather than teaching lessons on that day. This is a pilot and we will canvas your feedback after the event.



Youth Projects Pop-Up Stand

The Services for Young People are promoting their youth projects by setting up some lunchtime pop ups at the school on Friday 4th February. Youth workers will be setting up a stall with a display board and leaflets to hand out to students over the lunchtime.

Easter Extravaganza

Again a brief reminder that the new date for our Easter Extravaganza is Thursday 31st March 2022 between 6pm and 8pm. We have rebooked the Mayor, Fire Service, Police and a Magician.

The students that have been rehearsing and practising are very excited about their performance and we hope you can keep the date free to join us

Hirings

If you are a member of a club or society that are looking for a space to perform, practice or rehearse then please contact our Business Manager Paula Frost by calling (01438) 747274. We have a hall and a gym which we would like to hire out at £30 per hour each. The money accrued would be directed back in to the school to improve the learning experiences of our young people.

Signalong Course

Delivered by an official Signalong registered Tutor, Vicky Litchfield, we are happy to promote a course being offered at The Woolgrove School. The course will provide an opportunity to learn:

- how to develop communication skills and the total communication method
- some basic signs
- the method of signing which can be applied to other signing systems, such as Makaton, which enables you to learn new signs from the manuals

Please see attached the flyer.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Pearce', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David Pearce
Headteacher