

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware we are now communicating more and more with parents via email rather than post. This will become our main method of communication. It is our intention that from Monday 11th February we will be sending all letters, reports, grade cards and other information via email only. If you have not already provided the school with an email address please email [mgreen@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:mgreen@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk).

#### Attendance

We continue to work hard as a school to raise the profile of attendance and the link between good attendance and excellent performance at GCSE. It is vitally important that we continue to work in partnership with parents to ensure that our attendance remains high so that students continue to make excellent progress at Pittville.

#### Reporting Absence

Parents of students in ALL year groups 7-11 should report an absence by leaving a message on the following phone number 07715083948 or by emailing [achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk) and making it for the attention of Attendance.

#### Friends of Pittville School News

FOPS NEWS – Friends of Pittville School have again been busy over the last term:

- We had our regular Bag-2-School collection earlier this month, which raised £160.
- Our second-hand uniform table at the Year 8 parents' evening was very popular, and we aim to repeat this at future KS3 Parents' Evenings.
- The Year 8 disco was a great success and raised about £400! The students all enjoyed themselves and the Year 11 DJs were superb!

We would like to wish all our supporters a relaxing Easter break.

#### Engineering Challenge Day

On Thursday 21st March, 36 Year 8 students embarked on an engineering challenge. They were tasked with creating a prototype to help the Webb Telescope which is currently being built. Students were in teams to plan, design and build their prototype; they even took control of their own budget. The prototypes that were built were phenomenal, with the winning team building a motorised vehicle that could be used to transport the telescope. All students used their creative and problem-solving skills to get to their final product. The groups then presented their ideas to each other. A fantastic day had by all!

#### Easter Revision

There are a number of revision sessions taking place for Year 11 during the Easter holidays. I know these will be well attended by students. Year 11 students need to keep up the hard work as we move closer to their final examinations in the summer. A full revision timetable is at the end of this newsletter.

## Inter Maths Challenge Competition

In February twenty pupils from years 9, 10 and 11 competed in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is a challenging competition written to test the most able mathematicians in these age groups. All the students involved worked diligently and the following achieving certificates.

Year 9 - Bronze - Sanjay Soma

Year 10 - Bronze - Callum Gage

Year 11 - Silver - Jake Leworthy and Luke Smith

Bronze - Nathan Theyer

Congratulations should also go to Mareena Quittelier, Alex Bailey, Esha Patel, Cameron Longree, Hope Nicholson and Chase Allen who all missed out on gaining a certificate by 3 marks or less.

## Parents' Evenings

These again proved very popular and feedback from surveys was overwhelmingly positive. We are currently reviewing the event. If you would like to pass on any comments please email these to the school's email address [achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk).

## SEND Donations

We would love to develop the areas of our school that support students who have social, emotional and mental health needs to make these spaces more inviting and comforting. As you may be aware, educational budgets are tight! So, if you're planning on donating or recycling any previously loved sofas, armchairs, rugs, chairs or tables, we would be grateful if you would consider us! Please email [achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk). Thank you so much!

## Livingstone House

This term Livingstone House won the Comic Relief 'Shanty Town' competition for years 8 – 11, organised by the Geography department. As a school we raised over £200. The students worked hard as teams building a shanty house out of recycled material, raising awareness of how other cultures live and survive day-to-day.

A reminder that year 9's have to apply for prefect positions. Current year 10 prefects also need to apply for the senior posts in school ready for year 11. Easter break is a good time to get those applications ready and given to Mr Watkins at the start of next term.

The year 11's and 10's conducted themselves brilliantly well in the hall when completing their final mock exams. I would like to wish all year 11's and year 10's good luck with their summer exams which begin four weeks into next term.

On behalf of Livingstone House I hope you have a happy Easter, enjoy the rest!

Mr Kavanagh

## Year 11 Football Team

The team faced tough opposition in their district semi-final, Bournside. After a tight 20 minutes our opposition took the lead 1-0. Pittville had two good chances to equalise. Unfortunately we didn't take our opportunities and just before half time Bournside scored their second. The lads played really well in the first half and at half time we discussed that the next goal would be the all-important one. Unfortunately we conceded a third. Our belief dropped and although the lads kept working our opposition sat back and picked us off on the break. We went down 6-0. I am proud of how the team conducted themselves and



I know they will always remember the quarter final win away at Chipping Campden. I would like to thank Mrs Davis for the new kit; the team looked great!

Mr Kavanagh

### Pittville Remember Project exhibition

On Thursday 28th March, Pittville School hosted our 'Pittville Remember Project' exhibition. Over the last year and a half, pupils have been researching the men on 22 trench crosses previously held at Cheltenham Cemetery. As part of this project, these crosses have also been restored, and are due to be rededicated in May. The pupils' work was beautifully displayed on information panels and in a printed booklet, both of which the pupils helped to design thanks to Sarah Harvey at Art Works Cheltenham. We were also delighted to have some of the restored crosses present for the public to view for the first time.



The exhibition was well attended, including the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Colonel Mike E Bennett OBE DL, and the Mayor of Cheltenham Councillor Bernard Fisher. Two of the pupils involved, Sam Burge and Ellie Sawle, spoke about the work they had undertaken, and offered thanks to all those who were involved. The pupils were hugely knowledgeable about the men they had researched, and were confident in their discussions with attendees about what they had learnt and why they believed the project was so important.

We are extremely proud of the pupils for their dedication and hard work. What they have produced is beyond anything we could have anticipated. This exhibition is now available to tour, and will next be shown at Parmoor House, home to the Cheltenham Civic Society, during their Heritage Open Days events in September. The booklet and learning resources will shortly be available on the school website.

We would like to thank all those involved in the project, especially Freddy Gick for securing the bid from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Chris Healy and Andrew Booton from the Civic Society for involving the school and their continued support, and Neela Mann, our local historian, for all of her expertise.

### Create and Cook Competition



On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, the Design Technology department has an in-house Create and Cook competition with the two winning students would go through to entry for the Create and Cook Competition which is a fun project for schools focusing on local food. The competition is open to 12-14 year olds (years 8 and 9) in all secondary schools in Hampshire, Sussex, the Isle of Wight, Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire. The brief is to work in pairs and create a two course menu using as many locally produced ingredients as possible. The competition challenges pupils to learn about where their food comes from and explore the key issues of seasonality and sustainability. Young cooks enter the competition through their school. Well done to Harry McHollan and Lewis Maskrey for winning the in house Create and Cook Competition and thank you to Jason Orsi from Fat Toni's and Steve Smith from Wood for judging the competition.

### Key Comments from Independent Safeguarding Report from January 2019

The standard of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children at Pittville School is very good.

Safeguarding is given a high profile across the school, led by the Head Teacher and leadership team. Safeguarding is well resourced in terms of number of staff with allocated time, enabling any concerns to be addressed quickly and effectively.

The school is proactive in finding the right help for its pupils from a range of external agencies, and the Senior Pastoral Manage (deputy DSL) supports the statutory assessment processes admirably.

Safeguarding in the curriculum, including online safety, is a real strength of the school, ensuring that its pupils are well equipped to understand the risks, build resilience and cope with every day life.

'Student voice' is a strong feature at Pittville School from the Student Parliament to the 'barometer groups' where senior leaders listen to the views of students. Students spoken to were very clear that they were well supported and knew that they could talk to anyone if they had any concerns.

The school works hard to promote good relationships between students and between staff and pupils.

Best Wishes



Mr Gilpin  
Headteacher

<b>EASTER REVISION TIMETABLE 2019</b>					
Monday 8th April	English Language	Paper 1 Year 11	10:00 - 11:30	AM/LED/LDO	Rm2/Rm3/Rm5
	English Literature	YEAR 10	11:30 - 1:00	RGR/LED/ML/AM CW/CWI/RMY	Eng Rms
	Resistant Materials		9:00 - 3:00	RA/MR	Rm 43/Rm41
	History	11-D Migration	11:00 - 1:00	HTA	Rm 14
	Spanish		1:00 - 3:00	EA	Rm 23
Tuesday 9th April	English Language	Paper 2 Year 11	10:00 - 11:30	AM/LED/RGR	Rm2/Rm3/Rm5
	English literature	YEAR 11 (Re-Sit)	11:30 - 1:00	ML/LED/AM/RGR	Rm2/Rm3/Rm4/Rm5
	Art		10:00 - 2:00	KK/CM	Rm 46/47
	Business Studies		1:30 - 4:30	NSE	Rm 51
Wednesday 10th April	Maths	Higher & Foundation Paper	9:00 - 1:00	LPL/JAP/MS	Rm 16/18/20
	Chemistry		9:00 - 11:00	DW	Rm 8
Thursday 11th April	Maths	Foundation Paper	9:00 - 12:00	JAP/MS	Rm 18/20
	Dance	Choreography	10:00 - 2:00	DG	Dance Studio
Friday 12th April	Geography	11A-2	10:00 - 12:00	SI	Rm 12
		11C	1:00 - 3:00	SI	Rm 12
	GCSE PE		10:00 - 12:00	CBB	Rm 52
Monday 15th April	GCSE PE		10:00 - 1:00	DK	Rm 50
	Science		10:00 - 1:00	PS	Rm 11
	Art		10:00 - 2:00	KK	Rm 47
	Geography	11A-1	10:00 - 12:00	FL	Rm 27
Tuesday 16th April	French		10:00 - 12:00	RH	Rm 24
	Media		10:00 - 1:00	EB	Rm 50
	Astronomy		9:00 - 1:00	JH	Rm 17
	Textiles		10:00 - 4:00	HE	Rm 44
Wednesday 17th April	Maths	Foundation & Higher Paper	9:00-1:00	RF/JH/SBI	Rm 15/16/17
	Food & Nutrition		11:00 - 1:00	KFR	Rm 38
	Ad Maths/Statistics		12:30 - 3:00	RF	Rm 15
<b>Thursday &amp; Friday School Closed</b>					