



# Pittville School Bulletin

## 24<sup>th</sup> February - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

I can't believe we are two weeks into the new term already. I am delighted at the success of the New York trip; it sounds as though students and staff had a wonderful time. A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their time to enable the trip to run and for Miss Dring's superb organisation. I think Miss Dring has started to plan the next one. Watch this space.

### New York

In February, it was a delight and pleasure to take 30 of our year 9, 10 and 11 students to New York! The students and staff enjoyed touring iconic sights, such as The Statue of Liberty, the 9/11 Memorials, Times Square and Broadway and a trip up the 106 floors of the Empire State Building to look over New York City. It was a chilly trip – temperatures were as low as - 8°C at some points during our stay, but that didn't stop us making the most of our time in New York and some days, we walked in excess of 8 miles! We stopped by Trump Tower (but he wasn't there!) and Grand Central station to have a look at the incredible architecture that it offers. Students also had the opportunity of ice skating in Central Park and enjoying lunch from the famous street vendors offering hot crepes, waffles, hotdogs and pretzels. We certainly couldn't run a Performing Arts trip without visiting the famous Broadway strip. Here, we enjoyed a fantastic lunch at Ellen's Stardust Diner, famous for its singing and dancing wait-staff. We also had a wonderful theatre workshop, all about stage make up and special effects before seeing a show – The Play That Goes Wrong – in one of the famous Broadway theatres. Students also loved having a little free time to shop in Macy's department store, which is the largest store in the world as well as hit the shops of Times Square. It was such a brilliant trip that we are looking forward to offer it again in 2022! Keep an eye on Edulink and the website for details.

### Coronavirus

I thought I should take the opportunity to update you on the latest advice we have received from the Department for Education and Public Health England (please see below). There's still no cause for concern at the school.

The Department for Education (DfE) has launched a new coronavirus (COVID-19) advice service. The relevant details are detailed below:

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)<<mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk>>

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

The following links may be helpful to you:

NHS Website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

NHS111 Online <https://111.nhs.uk/>

PHE Public Info <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

### Year 9 Parents' Evening – 19<sup>th</sup> March

This is now open on Edulink to book appointments. Please ensure that you book an appointment with the relevant teachers. **All parents and carers** should make every effort to make appointments so we can continue to work in partnership with you.

## Year 10 Parents' Evening – 5th March

Thank you to those parents who attended the Year 10 Parents' Evening on the 5<sup>th</sup> March. There is a short feedback questionnaire on Edulink that we would be grateful if you could complete.

## Gymnastics

The Pittville Gymnastics Team went to Prestbury St Mary's Junior School to perform the routines they had been working on in Gymnastics Club. They were amazing and the staff at Prestbury could not sing their praises highly enough. They were a credit to the school.

## HPV Injections

Students in Year 8 will have been given HPV Consent Forms in their tutor pigeon holes. Please can you make sure that these are completed and returned to us as soon as possible.

## Attendance

I am delighted to report we currently have the highest number of 100% attendees we have had at this point in the academic year. In addition 68% of our pupils have 95-100% attendance - thank you for your continued support with this.

This term sees our biggest whole school attendance reward take place - the annual 100% EASTER EGG HUNT. For the last three weeks of this term, if your child attends 100%, they will take part in a year group egg hunt - it was great fun last year and we are looking forward to record numbers this year.

If your child is going to be absent from school please can you email [sbond@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:sbond@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk). Do not email [achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk). Alternatively, please ring 07715 08394.

## Gloucestershire Chess Championships

Jacob Brooks (9As2) represented Pittville at the Gloucestershire County Chess Championships on Saturday. He competed in a section for 13-18 year olds and held his own in a very competitive group. He amassed enough points to earn himself a place in 'THE CHESS MEGA FINAL' (which is quite a big deal) and will be competing on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We wish him well.

## The Witches

This year's school performance is 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl and David Wood will be performed on the 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April. The school performance is one of the highlights of the school year. Tickets are now available at £4.00 for adults and £3.00 for children.

## Astronomy Seminar

Tom Mills and Finn Whitelow recently attended an astronomy seminar at Cheltenham Ladies College. CLC showcased their amazing 'stardome' which is a fantastic resource. In quite daunting surroundings the boys were on top form. They answered questions, made friends with students from other schools and were brilliant representatives of Pittville School!

## Arkwright Engineering Scholarship

We would like to congratulate Callum Gage of 11AB1, our Head Boy, who has been successful in getting through to the second stage of the application process to gain a place on the Arkrwright Engineering Scholarship. The scholarship is one of the most prestigious of its kind and aims to inspire school-aged students to be the country's future leaders in engineering. Callum was nominated by his teachers in school and has already had to complete an application and sit an aptitude exam. He has now been asked to attend the interview stage of the application. We would like to wish Callum the best of luck and congratulate him on his achievements thus far.

## Adapt Revision Timetable App

Adapt is a revision timetable organiser app which automatically tracks what you need to do each day. The App allows you to monitor what you have done and what you need to go over. It takes a few minutes to set up and plans what days you are going to tackle each subject and topics within that subject. It is also FREE to use!

Here is the website - <https://getadapt.co.uk/>

## Forthcoming Events, Fixtures and Trips

Dates for your diaries:

12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Spanish Mocks
18 <sup>th</sup> March	French Day Reward Tie Afternoon – 16.30 onwards
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Consultation Evening 16:00 – 19:00
19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Spanish Mocks
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 Mocks
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 Dance GCSE Exam 2 Year 10 French Mocks
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 Dance GCSE Exam 3 Year 10 French Mocks
31 <sup>st</sup> March – 1 <sup>st</sup> April	The Witches Performance
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 7 Consultation Evening 4-7pm Year 8 HPV Injections girls and boys
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of Term 4

Best Wishes



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Headteacher