



Pittville School Bulletin

20th September 2019

Year 7

Our new Year 7 intake have settled in well to life at Pittville. Staff are delighted with how they are working in lessons and report that they are a tremendously enthusiastic year group.

Emails and ParentPay

It is imperative that parents register with ParentPay. Unless you do so you will not receive letters regarding trips or payments that need to be made. If you would like a ParentPay letter please email achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk to request one.

Improvements to the school

We have been able to spend money updating our ICT network over the summer and have also spent money creating an IMAC ICT suite. These will make significant contributions in areas such as music and film studies. Many areas of the school have been decorated and we have also created some additional classroom space for the maths department.

The pastoral and learning support areas have merged together over the summer and student reception has moved to the learning support area. This will allow these two areas to work more closely together.

Attendance

At the start of the year can I urge all parents and carers to encourage excellent attendance. We know that attendance is linked to attainment, so please do encourage your child to be here every day unless there is a very good reason not to be. Attendance improved last year to be at the national average but I believe it should be even higher.

Woman in Black

On Tuesday 17th September, nine Year 8 students went to see a spectacular production of 'The Woman in Black'. It was very cleverly acted by two people, with very simple but effective staging and was gripping from start to finish. Students jumped and screamed in their seats, and there was a fantastic twist at the end! A great evening was had by all!

FOPS Disco

There will be a Year 7 disco on 23rd October from 7-9pm. Students must be picked up from the disco. Tickets are £2.50 and will be sold in the canteen from Monday 23rd September during break and lunchtimes.

Year 9 GCSE Evening

The slides from this evening are available on the school website on the parents' page.

Disneyland Paris

A group of Year 8 students went to Disneyland Paris from Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th September. Students went on a boat trip on the River Seine before eating out at a local restaurant to set them up for a busy day at Disney on Thursday. On Friday morning they took a bus tour which let them explore the beautiful city and also took in the spectacular views from the Montparnasse Tower. A fantastic trip for all involved. The students (and staff!) were a credit to the school.

Silver D of E Expedition 2 (Assessment)

Year 11 students took part in their second assessed expedition which will go towards completing their silver D of E. They stayed at the Dolygaer Outdoor Centre on the 13th September followed by the Storey Arms Centre on the 14th September.

Open Week and Open Evening

Our Open Week begins on Monday 30th September. Open Evening is between 18.00 – 20.00 on Wednesday 2nd October. We will finish school at **1.05pm** on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 so it gives time for staff to prepare for Open Evening.

Forthcoming Events

Dates for your diaries:

25 th September	FOPS Bags to School Collection	25 th September	Y11 GCSE and Btec PE Hartpury College visit
26 th September	Y11 Marines trip	26 th September	Spanish Day
30 th Sept – 4 th October	Open Week	2 nd October	Year 10 National Apprenticeship Show 9:30 – 11:30
2 nd October 6-8pm	Open Evening	3 rd October	Year 11 National Apprenticeship Show 9:30 – 10:30
7 th – 11 th Oct	Cross Country and House Matches during lessons	10 th – 11 th Oct	Croft Farm Trip for Y7
10 th October	World Mental Health Day	15 th & 16 th October	Year 8 Trip to Eden Project
15 th October	Year 9 Lighthouse Year 11 Exams Made Easy	17 th October	Year 7 tutor Evening 4-7pm
23 rd October	FOPS Disco Y7	24 th October	Y11 Consultation Evening 4-7pm

Best Wishes



Mr Gilpin
Headteacher