



From the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week.

Our younger pupils have had a lovely week of wide-ranging activities centred around Wellbeing. There have been lots of squeals of delight and singing heard along the corridors throughout the week. Thank you to all our Preparatory and Pre-Preparatory colleagues who have created such wonderful and broad ranging activities and to our pupils who participated so wholeheartedly. The *Forest School* has been a huge hit!

Attendance

The government's expectation for all pupils' is attendance at school to be at 96% and above. Whilst 90% may be good in tests, it is considered a serious concern for attendance. Research shows:



Punctuality is equally important, as research shows:

Did you know... ?

- A child who is 10 minutes late misses 32 hours a year of lost education
- A child who misses 1 day a week loses 2 months a year of education
- Half a day a week missed throughout school life equates to 1 full year of lost education



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Pupil News

Congratulations to Jonnie E, Year 12, who competed in the England Athletics U20/Senior National Indoor Championships in Sheffield last Sunday and won Silver in the U20 3,000m race walk.

It was Jonny's first time competing in the Indoor Championships, and follows on from his debut 10,000m race in Dublin just before Christmas, when he guested in the Irish National Championships.

To give some context to the Indoor Championships, Jonny was followed on track soon afterwards by reigning world 1,500m champion Jake Wightman, who also took home a Silver medal.

Sport

Our U13 Girls lost 5-18 against Hayes School in their league game on Monday.

Congratulations to our U16 Boys Basketball team who defeated Langley Park 32-20 in the Kent Cup, also on Monday.

Staff News

Janette Cable, who has been working in a variety of roles in our EYFS settings including Breakfast Club, is retiring at the end of this term following nearly 23 years of loyal and dedicated service. Like her husband Steve, she started at Bishop Challoner in May 2000. We look forward to giving Steve and Janette an appropriate send off towards the end of the Spring Term.

Joining Bishop Challoner on Monday will be Ms Zoe Wright as a Teaching Assistant in the Pre-Preparatory and Preparatory Schools. We very much look forward to welcoming Ms Wright to the Bishop Challoner community.

Future Dates

Tomorrow we very much look forward to welcoming your sons and daughters who are taking our 11+ and 13+ entrance exams for September 2023. We wish them all the very best.

Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening takes place on Monday 23 January from 5pm in the School Dining Hall and Library.

Our next Year 11 *Sixth Form Experience Day* is on Thursday 26 January, followed by our 6th Form Information Evening on the same day, which runs from 3.45 – 5.00pm.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

With my very best wishes



Mark Wallace – Headteacher
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Senior News

Carousel Subjects



Careers Year 7

On this term's Carousel, Year 7 students are exploring the various career opportunities that will be available to them when their time comes. This week, we looked at careers in agriculture and its many branches. The pupils explored hydroponics, planting seeds and propagating garlic.

Food Technology



On this term's Carousel, Year 9 students are experiencing the basics in Food Technology. This week, they have looked at the food plate and the importance of a good diet. They were treated to a practical session, where they prepared and cooked a stir-fry. Well done to the Master Chefs.





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Congratulations to Kash in year 11 who has just signed a football scholarship for Watford FC. This will commence in the Summer, when he will join up with Watford to train full time and continue his studies over the next two years. He has been called straight into action this week by being involved in their U18 FA youth cup game vs Everton. Another great example of resilience and dedication, to keep working hard to follow his dream and earn his scholarship.

Keep up the good work Kash!!

Congratulations to Jonny in Year 12 who competed in the England Athletics U20/Senior National Indoor Championships in Sheffield last weekend and won Silver in the U20 3,000m race walk. It was Jonny's first time competing in the indoor championships, and follows on from his debut 10,000m race in Dublin just before Christmas, when he guested in the Irish National Championships.

Another amazing achievement by Jonny, which is a result of his dedication and commitment to the sport. After, he got to sit back and enjoy watching reigning world 1,500m champion Jake Wightman, who also took home a Silver medal.

Mr Oliver - Director Of Sport

Fencing

Congratulations to the fencers at Shortland's Fencing Club for winning the Kent County Fencing Union, Cyril Lee Trophy for the highest points awarded at Foil competitions in 2022

Mrs Restivo - Head of K4

Shortlands House Fencing Club

Based at Bishop Challoner School

Wednesdays 6.30pm - 9.00pm.

All levels and ages welcome.





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The Year 9 Football team have made it through to the Kent Cup final after an enthralling 3 - 2 extra time win versus Harvey Grammar School. In what was their best performance of the season, the boys dominated the first half, creating numerous chances, but could not quite beat Harvey's goalkeeper who with Daniel E, was man of the match. Just before half time, some intricate play within Harvey's penalty area resulted in Daniel E slotting the ball into the bottom corner to give Challoner a 1-0 lead going into half time.

The boys were keen to add to their advantage in the second half and it did not take long, as Jaemar coolly slotted a two touch finish pass their goalkeeper. Harvey Grammar then applied pressure to our defence and their striker who was a constant threat throughout the game due to his pace and power, latched onto a long ball before finding the net. Challoner seemed to get a bit nervous, knowing a cup final was at stake and ten minutes later conceded a penalty which they scored to make it 2-2. Jewell and Daniel kept the team positive and we started to relax and play some excellent football again which gave a couple of chances to win the game, which we could not quite execute. Into extra time, and the boys had to dig really deep in what was already a tiring game. Both teams had chances but in the last minute of the game, a through ball to Jewell who calmly slotted the ball into the bottom corner had won the game for Challoner. An amazing performance from all and onto the final which is at Herne Bay FC on Saturday 28th January 3pm KO. Please find the link below to purchase tickets,

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kent-u14-small-schools-b-team-final-tickets-507575300387>



Over the Christmas period, it was great to see Tom Edozie, who left Bishop Challoner last Summer, make his debut for Wolves' U21s. Being only 16 years old, it is a very impressive achievement and an idea of how highly Wolverhampton Wanderers rate Tom. He was signed in the Summer of 2022 on a two-year full time scholarship. It is a testament to how hard he is working and the progress he is making now he is training full time.

Mr Oliver - Director Of Sport



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Congratulations to the above pupils for completing their Bronze or Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards in the last 12 months. A huge amount of time, hard work and dedication was shown by all students. They are great role models for the younger year groups. Although each individual found the programme difficult at times (most notably after a lack of sleep and having to complete their hikes with a full rucksack), the pupils persevered and completed their award. A great addition to their CV's for future university or job applications. For the remaining cohort of 2021-22, there is still time to complete the programme by making sure all your physical, volunteering and skill sections are complete and signed off by your assessors. It is over to our current year 10 & 12s now, as they start to plan their sections and look forward to their training and expeditions as the cohort of 2022-23!

Reminder to follow our sports social media accounts for all updates, news and results

Instagram: [bcs_sport](#)

Twitter: [@BCSsports23](#)



Mr Oliver - Director Of Sport



Pre-Prep and Prep School News

Pre-Prep School

The Pre-Prep School have settled back into the New Year with gusto! They have been immersed in the topic of space and have been learning all about our Solar System. They have been building life size space ships using loose parts. They have been introduced to the properties of the planets and watched the first landing on the moon. They have been learning about the passage of time and day and night. They played the Earth Orbit game. We talked about the importance of the sun and how it takes one year for the Earth to orbit the sun. We discussed how there would be no life without the sun. They learnt a new life skill in the kitchen whilst making yummy moon rock cakes. They rubbed the butter into the flour using their finger tips with their palms up to heaven, until it resembled bread crumbs. They children had a fantastic time back at Forest School this week playing animal circle games. Their newfound knowledge is echoing throughout their play. The children are singing new songs, travelling to different planets and talking about aliens!





Prep School News

Wellbeing Week

The children have had a wonderful Wellbeing Week. They have participated in a variety of activities including baking, crafts, painting, drama and Forest School. There have been shared experiences across year groups which is very beneficial to all our children. We have seen lots of smiling, happy faces – our favourite sight!

Some of our EYFS children enjoyed a trip to Bromley library on Thursday this week; despite the rain. A great time was had by all involved.

Father Francis led Mass in the Chapel for Years 1 to 4 on Thursday, this was a lovely service and Frather Francis led it beautifully, explaining everything and allowing some questions in order that all of the pupils could undertsand and be fully engaged.

We would like to welcome all of our new families to the school and hope that everyone has had a great week.

Stars of the Week

Reception	Ayo for his effort in Maths this week.
Year 1	Charles for his excellent efforts during storytelling.
Year 2	Fiadh for her excellent project on Queens and Princesses.
Year 3	Orla for tidying up so well and helping the class.
Year 4	Ana for showing kindness and support to her peers.
Year 5	Amaju for being an excellent helper and for a polite and kind start to the term.
Year 6	Aidan for his positive attitude to school life.

Many congratulations to all our Stars.
Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

Mr Peck, Mrs Bateman and Ms Hoyles



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Pre-Prep and Prep School News

Wellbeing Week



The children in Key Stage 1 have really enjoyed Wellbeing Week and have joined in with a variety of different activities. Both year groups enjoyed a fun Forest School session led by Mr Peck.

Year One have enjoyed making puppets, putting on a puppet show using the puppet theatre, baking, making dream catchers with support from Year 4 and painting.

Year Two have enjoyed shared reading with Year 6, decorating biscuits, singing, painting and craft activities.

Both classes have joined in enthusiastically. It has been a really great start to the Spring Term and the days have certainly flown by.



Mrs Bateman - Year 1 Teacher, Head of KS1



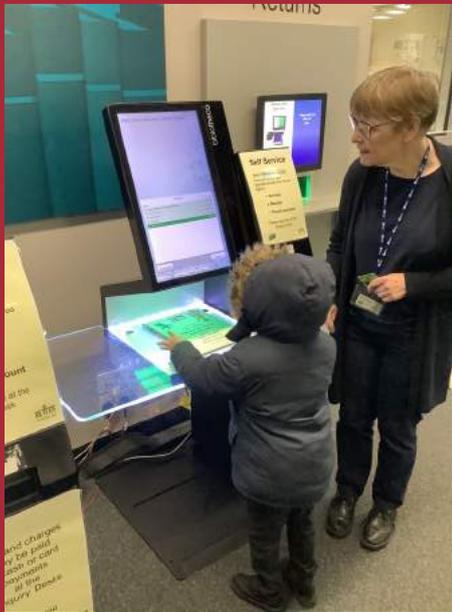
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Reception

On Thursday 12th January Reception Class and a few Nursery pupils travelled by bus to Bromley Central Library. The Children experienced a variety of activities which the Library offered, such as stories, a tour and how books are borrowed. The aim of the morning was to develop skills such as Literacy, Communication and Language, PSED and UW. All children were impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Mr Peck— Reception Teacher, Head of EYFS



School Counsellor

Just a reminder that Katheryn McCormack, our school counsellor offers services to pupils referred by school, home, or self. Services may be short or longer-term, depending on the need of the individual. There will also be the opportunity for pupils to attend drop-in or themed group sessions. Please use the link or QR code to complete the online consent-form. Completing the form will allow your child to access the school counselling drop-in service should they wish to. If your child has been referred to the counselling service by yourself or the school, for regular sessions, you will be directly contacted by the school counsellor.

Counselling helps individuals to explore their feelings, express themselves and to make sense of their life experiences. Usually, specific details of meetings will be confidential to the pupil and counsellor. Parents/Guardians may be given a regular and general overview of the pupil's progress. No information will be disclosed to any other person or agency without prior agreement from the parent/guardian and pupil (if appropriate) - except in situations where information is required by a court of law, local authority or when the therapist has reason to believe that a pupil or other person is at risk.



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Bromley BR2 0BS



Parking in school grounds. Leave your car in front of the school and follow the walking route to the hall. The school is close to Shortlands station. Buses 227 and 358 stop nearby.



Do you enjoy visiting museums and galleries or watching TV arts programmes?

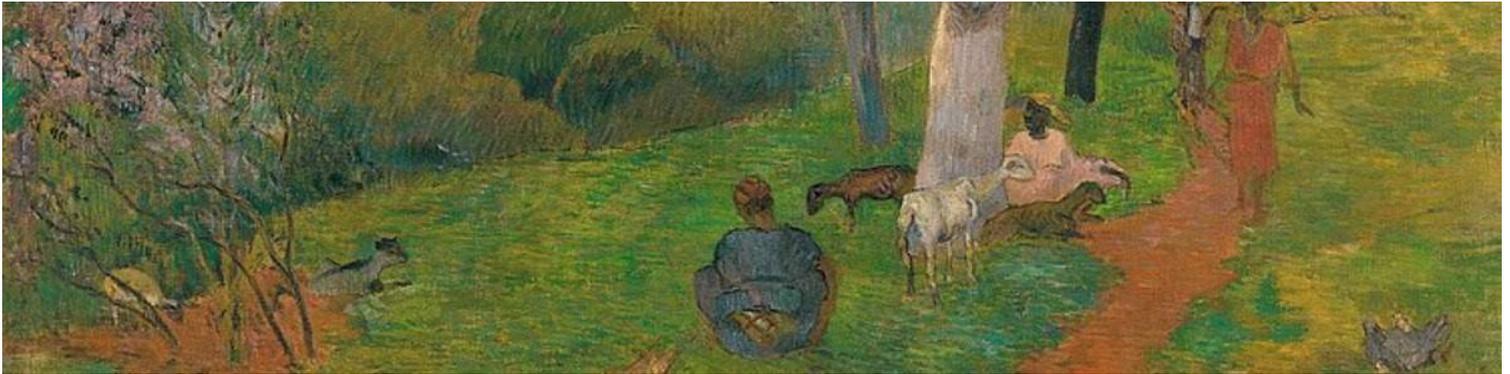
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The Arts Society Bromley

February 6th 2023

Paul Bahn

Australia's Aboriginal Rock Art, The World's Longest Unbroken Art Tradition

Rock art has been produced in Australia since at least 40,000 years ago, but continues to be produced in some regions - and major new discoveries of rock art are still being made in remote areas. The talk presents an account of some of the major regional variations in both rock paintings and rock engravings and presents a brief account of what we know of their many meanings, particularly in relation to Aboriginal creation myths and creator-ancestors.



March 6th 2023

Karin Fernald

The Blue Hour, Painting the North

The little town of Skagen in the north of Jutland, a place of sand, storms and sky, inspires artists to paint its wild and remote landscape where the North Sea meets the Baltic. In Sweden, symbolist landscape artist Prince Eugen, finds romantic inspiration in the lakes, forests, history and vivid folk art. Both Danish and Swedish landscape paintings feature the Blue Hour, that half hour or so just after sunset and before sunrise, when the landscape is suffused with a bluish light, highly atmospheric and iconic of the North.



The Arts Society Bromley

April 3rd 2023

Caroline Shenton

Packing Up the Nation, Saving London's Museums and Galleries in the Second World War

Following our lecture last season by Bromley member Artantxa Sardina on Looted Art, this is the gripping and sometimes hilarious story of how a band of heroic curators and eccentric custodians saved Britain's national heritage during our Darkest Hour.

Men and women from London's national museums, galleries and archives forged extraordinary plans to evacuate their collections to safety. Utilising country houses from Buckinghamshire to Cumbria, tube tunnels, Welsh mines and Wiltshire quarries, a dedicated team of unlikely heroes packed up their greatest treasures in a race against time during the sweltering summer of 1939, dispatching them throughout the country on a series of secret wartime adventures.

May 8th 2023

Jane Gardiner

The Sun King and the Court of Versailles

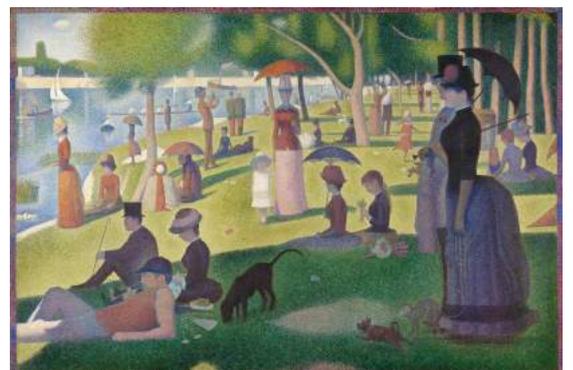
For all the things that have been written about the great Sun King, Louis XIV, he is best remembered for the creation of Versailles on the site of his father's old hunting lodge and which became the seat of French government, the setting for all grand court ceremonial and the envy of every other European monarch. This lecture will be an introduction to the sumptuous state apartments, the vast gardens and pleasure pavilions, the spectacular entertainments which take place both inside and out, the collections of the King and the whole etiquette of life at one of the greatest courts in Europe

June 5th 2023

Steven Barrett

Anatomy of a Masterpiece - Bathers at Asnieres by Georges Seurat

During the two years it took to complete, Seurat developed new colour theories and a novel technique - Pointillism - to capture the shimmering effects of sunlight on water, grass and in the air itself. This lecture looks at the painting in detail, explores Seurat's vision and ambition, his bold new ideas and contribution to the history of modern art.





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"Really great holiday camp. My son loved it! It was my first time using Camp Beaumont so I was a little nervous initially dropping him off, but needn't have worried, they had his details and the 'check in' was efficient and friendly and left me confident he was safe and well looked after."

Bits for the kids:

We have over 50 activities* to make sure every day is different, and most of all, fun! Love sport? We have tennis, cricket, football, archery, badminton and dodgeball... you might even get to try Quidditch! Enjoy being creative? Try jewellery making or our clay workshops! Want something totally different? There's Superhero Academy and Spy School! Plus our very own Beaumont's Got Talent. You'll make new friends, try new things and make brilliant memories with us!

*Activities may vary depending on camps. Check our website for more details.

Stuff for the grown-ups:

- Our camps operate Monday-Friday between 8.30am to 5.30pm.
- 8am drop-off for Early Risers as well as a 6pm collection as an Extra Slice available. These can each be booked for £6 per session per day or both for £12 per day.
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Tips for Supporting Children in DEALING WITH GRIEF

It's important that trusted adults feel able to help children and young people cope with grief – particularly at the moment, when we are a nation mourning the loss of a public figure who was treasured by so many. Children are seeing bereavement and sadness being featured heavily in the national news and in their favourite online spaces, and hearing it being talked about extensively among families and in the community. How can we help them in processing this healthily?

1 UNDERSTAND WHAT GRIEF IS

Grief is emotional distress which is a normal response to the death of someone close, well known or admired. It may feel overwhelming – especially for young people – and is often accompanied by feelings of shock, disbelief, anger or fear. These emotions may also mean that sleep, eating and our relationships with others could be affected.

2 MEET THE CHILD 'WHERE THEY ARE'

This could be a child's first experience of grief and loss – or conversely, they may have already encountered it several times. Make sure that any conversations you have with them, and the support that you give, are led by their experiences and their understanding of death – and in the context of their religious or community beliefs.

3 EXPLAIN CLEARLY WHAT DEATH IS

It may often feel uncomfortable, but it's healthier to actually use the words "dead", "death" or "died". Abstract explanations of death can frequently create even more confusion – particularly for younger children, who are still trying to grasp this complex (and possibly unfamiliar) concept.

4 BE PREPARED FOR QUESTIONS

On subjects such as this – especially when it involves a person who's well known to them – children and young people often have lots of questions, all at once. Sometimes, new queries about the issue will occur to them weeks after the event. Be ready to answer their questions as honestly as you can, using language that's appropriate for their age.

5 FIND WAYS TO REMEMBER THEM

It can help to talk to about the person who's died, even if that individual wasn't personally involved in the child's own life – such as a significant public figure, for instance. You and your child can discuss what that person meant to you, celebrate the things they achieved or go to a place where they can be remembered.

6 ENCOURAGE COPING STRATEGIES

You can help a child or young person to identify what their usual positive ways of coping are when they have overwhelming feelings. For example, do they find that talking with someone, drawing, going for a walk or listening to music help when they're feeling upset? These same activities could form an important part of the grieving process.

7 REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

If a child or young person is struggling with grief to the extent that it's impacting on their everyday life, there are lots of expert organisations that you could reach out to for further help. Samaritans provides a listening ear for anyone in emotional distress; The Mix offers specialist support to people under 25; and Winston's Wish deals specifically with helping young people who are grieving.

SAMARITANS:
116 123

WWW.THEMIX.ORG.UK/GET-SUPPORT
0808 808 4994

WINSTON'S WISH:
08088 020 021

Meet Our Expert

Anna Bateman is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



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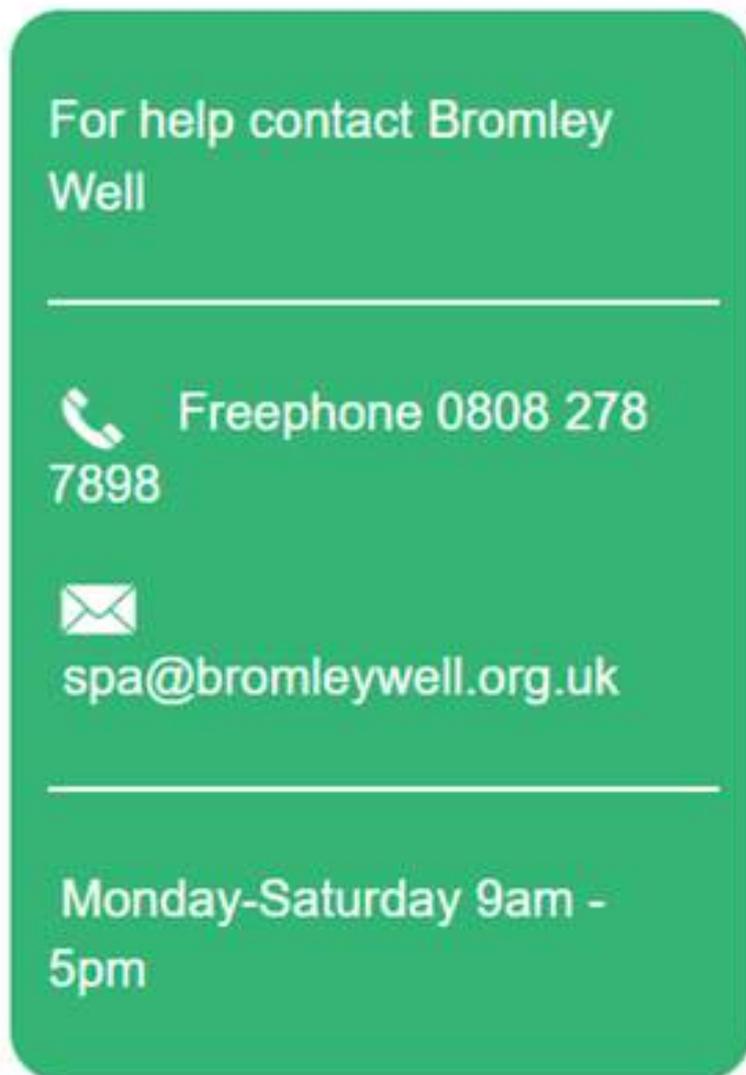
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[emotional-wellbeing-factsheet](https://www.bromleywell.org.uk/assets/documents/emotional-wellbeing-factsheet)

<https://www.bromleywell.org.uk/assets/documents/>

[counselling-services](https://www.bromleywell.org.uk/assets/documents/counselling-services)



Mrs Brooker - Safeguarding Lead

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Week A

Monday 16 January

- Whole School Assembly
8:45am - 9:00am Main Hall
- Pre-Prep and Prep Assembly
8:45am - 9:00am Main Hall
- Confirmation Prep—Mrs Bell
1:00pm Chapel

Tuesday 17 January

- Aim High - Able Writers, selected Year 7 and 8 and students from Haberdasher's Knights Academy
Library

Wednesday 18 January

- Pre-Prep and Prep Assembly
8:45am - 9:00am Main Hall
- 11+ and 13+ Reserve Assessment Day
9:00am - 2:00pm Senior Library
- First Reconciliation
4:00pm Chapel

Thursday 19 January

- Mass Year 12 and 13
8:45am Chapel

Friday 20 December

- Year 9 DTP/Men Vaccinations

