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Westcliff High School for Girls

BULLETIN: WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2020

PUPIL SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE FOCUS



All students to maintain social distance and keep to year group bubbles. Ensure pupils are following the one way system and walking on the right



As a Parent / Carer, please speak to your child about SAFEGUARDING UPDATE: KNIFE CRIME

Knife Crime in UK schools is an increasing safeguarding risk to children. In 2019, more than 1,000 children were caught carrying knives in schools, the youngest being just four years old. Weapons seized by police have included machetes, hunting knives, a samurai sword and even a highlighter pen which had its nib changed to a blade.

Children are in three categories of risk of knife-carrying. The highest level is for those children who have been groomed in to gangs for the purpose of criminal exploitation. Underneath this lies a group of children who have witnessed other children carrying knives, have been the victim of knife crime or know someone who has carried a knife for protection or who are encouraged to believe knife-carrying is normal through the glamorisation of gangs and knives on social media. Thirdly, there are children who carry knives to school as an isolated incident, eg they may carry a penknife that a grandparent has gifted them.

If a friend or family member has been a victim of knife crime, then you, or someone close, should call the Police if they have not already been notified. In an emergency call 999. You can call Childline on 0800 1111 at any time if you are worried about your own safety, or if you think someone you know is carrying or even using a knife. You can also call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 if you want to report a crime that has happened.

WHOLE SCHOOL/YEAR GROUP LETTERS/CORRESPONDENCE SENT OUT

Letters from Dr Hayman are available on the website: Home / Parents / Letters Home

Letter to parents of Yr 12 students – Wednesday 25th November - letter and instructions

WEEK B

Monday 23rd November	11+ EXAMS ALTERNATIVE TEST DAY – West Wing Classrooms, Conference Centre, Hall Year 11 study day at home Year 9 & 10 Assembly via Zoom Year 12 & 13 Assembly via Zoom Year 10 'Live' Theatre viewing – Drama Studio 15.30-18.30
Tuesday 24th November	Year 11 Pre-Public Exams – Hall and Conference Centre all day
Wednesday 25th November	Year 11 Pre-Public Exams – Hall and Conference Centre all day Yr 8 Assembly via Zoom Year 12 & 13 Assembly via Zoom Sixth Form Detention – Hyland Upper Study Room - lunchtime Year 7-13 Detentions – Room 5 15:30-16:30 Year 11 & 12 Drama Rehearsals – Drama Studio & EG4 15:30-18:30 Year 12 Parent's Evening – via School Cloud 16.00-18.30
Thursday 26th November	Year 11 Pre-Public Exams – Hall and Conference Centre all day House Planning Meeting – EG4 08.10-08.30
Friday 27th November	Year 7 & 8 Assembly – via Zoom Year 9 Assembly – via Zoom Year 11 Pre-Public Exams – Hall and Conference Centre all day Year 13 Drama Exam, Devising – Drama Studio 15.30-18.30
Saturday 28th November	
Sunday 29th November	

Please can parents/carers inform the office in writing of any changes to contact details and any changes to the medical condition of your daughter/son.

If your daughter/son is unwell or injured and is required to go home, she/he is not allowed to stay in the Medical Room until the end of the day. When parents/carers are contacted with regard to collecting their daughter/son from the WHSG Medical Room, the expectation is that the parent/carer will arrange for immediate collection.

Any student who is sent home, due to having vomited in school, must not return to school until 24 hours after the last bout of vomiting or diarrhea.

Parents are requested to telephone the school on 01702 476026 (Option 2) before 9.00am every day of absence, giving the reason i.e. headache, sickness (informing us that your daughter/son is 'unwell/not in today' is not acceptable as we constantly monitor for viruses). A letter regarding the illness must be handed in on the first day that your daughter / son returns to school.

You may also email general.enquiries@whsg.info to advise the school of your daughter /son's absence.

Please send your daughter/son in with any medication that you wish to be kept in school in its ORIGINAL PACKAGING and with your daughter/son's name written clearly on it.

Many thanks

Mrs. S Martin, Office Manager