



# Weekly Information

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Week 7

## Encouragement for the week.

### Ephesians 1: 17

*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.*

### Reminder

Thank you to everyone that has handed in their money from the sponsored walk.

Please continue to send sponsorship forms and money via school Reception, using a clearly named envelope by **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**. Money should be paid in cash unless you are paying via MyDonate.

If using MyDonate please return the sponsorship form stating that payment has been made through this method.

Thank you.

### Looking Ahead

- Prayer for the School for Parents and Staff and Governors – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 8-9pm.
- Year 12 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 5pm in C Building and Canteen Area.
- Year 7 Rochester Castle Visit – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.
- School Show; Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.
- Carol Service – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at St Mildred's Church

## Key Information for the week ahead

### Whole School

*School reopens Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30am.*

### Year 7

*Monday – Assembly in Sixth Form Centre 8.40am*

### Year 8

*Tuesday – Church 8.30am*

### Year 9

*Thursday – Church 8.30am*

### Year 10

*Monday – Church 8.30am*

### Year 11

*Monday to Friday – Mock Exams*

### Sixth Form

*Wednesday – Assembly in School Hall 8.40am*

### Year 11 Mock Exams

*Year 11 Mock Exams begin Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October until Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.*

## Informal Concert

Our first Informal Concert of this academic year was held last Thursday in the school hall. There was a real variety of music from pupils in all year groups including a beautiful solo from singer-songwriter Ayla Jabiyeva (Year 12), a fantastic fanfare from the Trumpet Ensemble, a lovely solo from Manasseh Toko (Year 9), a couple of spoken word items from Michael MacCarthy and Reiham Mohammed as well as the first ever performance from our new Year 7/8 vocal group called VOX. I was particularly pleased by the amount of pupils who chose to be involved in the concert and had organised all of their own rehearsals and material and thank all the students involved for their commitment to and support of this event.



These concerts usually happen once a term but this term there is an additional Informal Concert on Thursday 7th December to mark the start of the Christmas season and there is also our formal Carol Service on Wednesday 13th December at St Mildred's Church.

## Extra-Curricular Music Groups

All students who belong to our extra-curricular groups and perform in public are working towards gaining Bronze, Silver or Gold music colours. All performances are logged by the department and once a student has performed five times in public they are eligible for a Bronze colours badge after which they start working towards Silver. If students wish to become involved in our extra-curricular activities, a good time to join is after half term when we start working on our Christmas musical items.

Below are the groups we run and the times we rehearse:

- **Monday 8.30-9.00am - Les Choristes - Choir for invited pupils only**
- **Monday 12.40-1.10pm - Concordia - Choir for Years 9-13**
- **Tuesday 12.40-1.10pm - Sinfonia - Orchestra for instrumentalists Grade 3+**
- **Thursday 12.40-1.10pm - Trumpet Ensemble**
- **Thursday 3.15-4.10pm - Camerata - Orchestra for instrumentalists up to Grade 3**
- **Friday 8.30-9.00am - VOX - Choir for Years 7-8**
- **Friday 12.40-1.10pm - Gospel Choir - all years welcome**

Later in this academic year Samba Band will start up again and this will be for pupils in all years - look out for information about this later this term.