



Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our staff and students on another successful week. It is great to see the students developing their skills and confidence! They demonstrated great ambition and dedication in our inter-house languages competition on Thursday - the results will be revealed during assembly on Monday.

### **Contacting Staff & Other Parents**

In response to parental feedback this is to clarify the best way to contact specific staff about any concerns or questions. We do not encourage parents to email staff directly, but suggest you use our parent portal (MCAS) to message them. This is quick and easy, and those who have used it have found responses to be timely. If you need help setting up MCAS, please contact the school office. For general enquiries, or if you are unsure who to contact, please contact the school office.

You can easily contact other parents using Classlist. You will have received an email about how to sign up before the Christmas break. Please let the school office know if you need help with this.

### **School Trip - Hill End**

Please note a minimum payment of £20 should have been paid by now for the Year 7 residential trip to Hill End. Further payments of £10 are due in Feb, Mar and April. All payments to be made via Parentmail please.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

### **School Nurse**

Reminder that our school nurse is in each week (most weeks on a Wednesday) and that appointments are to be made through Ms Walton. The nurse's number is on our website for out of hours issues.

### **Bikeability**

Our final Bikeability session will be running on the **24th of January**. Students will be reminded in school; if you are unsure if your child is taking part or would like more details, please contact the school office.

### **Feedback on Student reports.**

As part of our reflections on the student reports given out on parent day, last cycle, we would like to gather some feedback on how useful these were to parents, and how they could be improved. Please complete the questionnaire at the link below to help us do so.

<https://forms.gle/E6raxieGb58ob3Mr8>



### **Creation Theatre Bursary Offer!**

Creation Theatre are currently offering bursaries/taster session places for the Spring term in their drama clubs, one at 50%, and one fully-funded by Creation. Each bursary will last three terms, and then be reviewed. There are a limited number of bursary places per club.

How to Apply: to apply for either bursary, please download and complete an application form on the Creation website, which is downloadable from here

<https://www.creationtheatre.co.uk/education/drama-club-2/bursaries/>

Any questions, or if you just want to chat about it, do give the Education team a ring on 01865 761393.

### **SwanComm**

All parents and carers are invited to the next SwanComm meeting is Monday 3rd February 7.30 - 9pm at the school. Please come and help us get SwanComm off the ground!

Following the success of the disco at the end of last term we are looking to do something this else term. Come along with your ideas and help plan the events programme.

We are also still looking for committee members - so if you are interested in standing for a committee role please come along.

All are welcome - even if it is just to see what is happening!

### **School Drop Off & Collection Reminder**

We would like to remind all parents not to drive into school site - this was an essential condition of our school being given planning permission and a specific requirement of our school travel plan. If you must drop off/collect then the Ferry Centre should be used.

***Parents must not drop off or collect from the Cherwell School South Site Road. This is causing significant congestion and endangering students' safety.***

### **Key Dates**

- Swancom - **Monday 3rd February**. This is to begin at 7.30pm - 9.30pm.
- **Thursday 6th February** - inter-house sports competition
- Last day of term - **Friday 14th February**. Please be aware that that this will include an early finish of 12.30pm for students as staff have training in the afternoon. We return to school on **Monday 24th February** at normal time.

Regards,

The Swan School