



Dear Parents,

An exciting week for The Swan School comes to a close; with our first interviews for teaching staff for next year, and a new premises manager appointed to start at Easter. Students have displayed the values exceptionally well this week, and all those who have visited us have been so impressed with their hard work, knowledge and behaviour. Please see the notices below and have a great weekend.

#### **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 Trip - Weston Library**

We are delighted to announce that all of our Year 7 students will be visiting the Weston Library at the Bodleian.

They will have three sessions covering:

1. University-style seminar on Beowulf.
2. How an Anglo-Saxon book was made
3. What kinds of texts survive from early-medieval Britain, and what do they tell us about the Anglo-Saxons

Students will work with real medieval manuscripts and handle the tools used to create them. They will also work with medieval researchers who study these texts. This trip will enrich student's study of Beowulf, The Canterbury Tales and Medieval Britain.

A letter will be sent home closer to the time with more details about the trip.

#### **Consent Workshops**

Students will be taking part in consent workshops next week at school during one of their timetabled lessons. These will be led by our pastoral support champion Ms Walton and will focus on relationships, boundaries and pressure. This forms part of our Personal Development curriculum.

### **Mental Health Week 'Show You're Brave'**

Next week at school we will be celebrating the national Mental Health Week. This year it is focussed around the theme of 'Show Your Brave'. Students will be completing various activities during tutor time this week to recognise this important topic. Please promote the week by sharing with your child a time in your life when you have had to 'Show Your Brave' to overcome a challenge or obstacle.

### **SLT Surgery Next Week - change of timing**

Just to note the SLT Surgery next week, will take place at **10.15am - 11.15am**. This is due to maths teacher interviews taking place on that day.

### **SwanComm Meeting - Monday 3rd February**

A final reminder that all parents and carers are invited to the next SwanComm meeting on **Monday 3rd February** 7.30 - 9pm at the school. Please come and help us get SwanComm off the ground! All are welcome - even if it is just to see what is happening!

The agenda for the meeting is below:

1. Looking Back: Updates on how Disco & ClassList deployment went (~10 mins)
2. Now: SwanComm officers/constitution (~20 mins?)
  - a. Co-Chair post
  - b. Treasurer/Sec posts empty
  - c. Constitution
3. What Next: Next event (led by Matt/Amber) (~30-45 mins).
  - a. Something at the end of Spring Term?
  - b. What does the school already have planned (if anything)? What dates would fit in well?
  - c. What do SwanComm want to achieve from the event?
    - i. Parents getting to know each other?
    - ii. Broader community
    - iii. Something for the students?
    - iv. Something else?
4. AOB (~10min)

### **Food Bank - Thank you!**

We would like to thank you all for the wonderful amount of donations received for the Food Bank in December. This was greatly appreciated & the food bank was able to provide meals for over 400 people.

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

We would like to remind all parents not to drive into the 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**

- SwanComm - **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 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