



Dear Parent/Carer

Please see below this week's updates from school.

Open Evening

Thank you very much to all the students who gave up their time to help out with our open evening last Thursday. I have received an exceptional number of positive emails commenting on how warm and welcoming our students are and how knowledgeable they are about the different departments and aspects of the school. A significant amount of work went on behind the scenes to make the event a success including putting up eye-catching displays, rehearsing for the band or dance performance and making creative interactive activities in departments. Once again, thank you very much for the contributions made. Our students are the best advertisements for our school.

Mental Health

This year we are recruiting students to be to be mental health champions. The successful candidates will be fully trained to provide support and help for their peers. Students who are interested in applying need to ask their form tutors for and application form which must be completed and handed in the Mrs. King by **Friday the 13th of October**. We will also be holding a non-uniform day on world mental health day which is on **Tuesday the 10th of October**. Students will be asked to pay £2 and to wear their own clothes and they must include one item that is yellow in support of the charity Young Minds. For more information about Young Minds and what they do click the following link. <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>

English Trips

The English department are organising a trip to the Blackpool pantomime for Year 7 students and a trip to watch A Christmas Carol the musical at The Dukes Theatre in Lancaster for Year 10s. Letters will be going out over the next few days with an online form to be completed. Places on the trips will then be allocated in line with school policy.

Space Week

International space week takes place next week and the theme this year is 'Space and Entrepreneurship'. Assemblies will be taking place all week to mark this event and to broaden students' knowledge and understanding of the solar system.



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