

JOHN BEDDOES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

This is a brief interim newsletter to ensure all parents are informed of the Transport policy changes that are being proposed.

It is also an opportunity for me to welcome to all our new staff, parents and pupils to John Beddoes.

Revised Home to School/College Transport Policy

You may be aware the Authority has been revising their Transport Policy. Below is information from Douglas Wilson (Head of Schools) regarding this policy and the consultation that will take place.

“The policy which was approved by the Board will allow the Authority to review its school allocation areas and to plan for school places in the school modernisation programme. When implementing the policy, the Authority will be mindful of the modernisation reviews and will not propose any changes to current transport allocation areas for those schools affected by the reviews which have already commenced. In respect of secondary schools, as the Authority expects to consult on the Strategic Outline Case during the Spring Term 2011, we will not undertake any consultation until after the conclusion of that consultation exercise.

Officers are currently identifying those areas that will be subject to local consultation during the Spring and Summer Terms 2011 and will inform schools and parents/carers of the planned timetable for meetings during

the week following the October half-term.”

Details of the Policy can be found on the Powys Website

www.powys.gov.uk or via the school web site www.johnbeddoes.org

Pupils in Print.

Many of our pupils took part in a Young Writers Competition last term. The Young Writers organization was set up in 1990 to promote and encourage written creativity. They set pupils the task of writing a story with a beginning, middle and end in just fifty words. They then published a book called Mini Marvels that contained some of the best entries. I am very proud to announce that we had 40 of our students work published in the book.

GCSE Pupils.

There have been changes to how GCSE subjects are now assessed. Replacing some of the coursework are “Controlled Assessments”. These are set by the exam boards throughout **Years 10 and 11**. To ensure pupils do not disadvantage themselves by missing these assessments **NO Year 10 or 11 pupil should take holidays during term time.**

Berlin Trip.

Over 40 pupils and staff set off for Berlin on 19th October as part of their GCSE History course. During the trip the pupils will visit many historic sites including; The Brandenburg Gate, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp,



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the Olympic Stadium, and Checkpoint Charlie to name just a few.

Harvest Assembly

On October 5th we held our first Harvest Assembly where members of the Evergreen group were invited as our guests of honour. The pupils and staff donated a vast amount of produce that was displayed during the assembly along with pupil's art work. The pupils read and performed in the assembly and afterwards met with our guests and presented them with a gift box. The remainder of the produce was then donated to the retirement homes in Presteigne and Knighton.



Important Dates.

22nd October – Half term
2nd November – Pupils Return
11th November - Gigajam
12th November – Prize Giving
29th November – Yr 11 Mock Exams start
2nd December – Year 12/13 Parents Evening
16th December – Christmas Concert
21st December – ESDGC Day
22nd December – Christmas Holidays
5th January - Pupils Return
18th February – Half Term
28th February – Pupils Return
15th April – Easter Holidays
3rd May – Pupils Return
6th May – Founders Day
27th May – Half Term
6th June – Pupils Return
14th July – Summer Holidays



Happy Halloween



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