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Parent Newsletter

A comment from....

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Exam season is almost upon us and Years 11 and 13 have returned from Easter in a variety of states of preparedness for the coming key assessments. This week has seen the terminal Art GCSE examinations take place and I was astonished at the stunningly technical and creative work being produced. Every lesson, in every subject, is now crucial as teachers focus on examination technique and practise in the final run-in. Home life is similarly crucial; as well as spending time on structured revision, students need eight good hours of sleep at night, time to exercise or take part in their hobbies and to eat a good range of nutritious foods. The best prepared students are the least stressed ones—lets make sure each of our young people have the best chances of success in the coming exams.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30 May - Y7&8 Maths Challenge

2 May—Y11 English Day

3 May—Y11 @ Alton Towers

6 May - BANK HOLIDAY

10 May - Y11 Leaving Day

10 May—Y12 Progress reports

10 May— Y13 Leavers Morning
(Leave site at Lunch)

13 May - GCSE Exams start!

BRIDGSTOCK 2019 ROCKS THE SCHOOL

Talented pupils 'never cease to amaze' their audience

Just before Easter that time of year was here again, one that is firmly in the calendar of students, parents and staff alike; Bridgstock. Organised and run by our sixth form students, Bridgstock is a highly successful example of how fantastic our young people are—the musical talent of our students always shines out. Also, the excellent organisational skills of the sixth formers, the levels of excitement from all the students involved and the joy of seeing all the students' work as one big 'Bridgstock family' always makes this event one of the highlights of the staff and students' year. Parents' reactions when walking out are always the same - amazement—as each year just gets better and better.



Bridgstock fire burning. Spirits and energy levels were high across the three nights, as the huge musical talent of our students, from Year 7 through to Year 13, shone through in stunning performances.

Tickets, yet again, sold out in record time, with Thursday night performances selling out in less than 24 hours. All 480 tickets were sold out in just over a week, illustrating the high demands for the shows. The impact these shows have on students' school life is reflected by the fact "ex-Bridgstockers" return from University and beyond to watch how the next generation is keeping the



Audiences were also entertained by performances from a teacher band, with Mr Peacock turning in an energetic Buzzcocks cover. Other songs this year included "Young Americans" by John David Bowie, "Sweet Home Chicago" by The Blues Brothers and "Flathead" by The Fratellis, all leaving the audience wanting more! The encore saw a 'stage invasion' on all three nights to "Don't Stop Me Now" by Queen...



Thank you to everyone for their continued support for this now truly embedded event in the West Bridgford school year. There is already a buzz amongst staff, students and parents about next year's concert and organisation for the events will start in June. We hope to see you in the audience next year. If you would like to see a wide selection of photos from the event [please click here.](#)



COMING SOON

Y11 PROM

18th JUNE

COLWICK HALL



Y13 PROM

24TH JUNE

BLOTT'S



WEEK 1 -

w/c 29th April

THE WEST BRIDGFORD SCHOOL				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Vegetarian: Spaghetti Italian B. M. Roast Chicken Potato Mash Carrots	Beef & Cheddar Cornish W. Roast Potatoes Peas Salad	Chicken Fillet Roast Potatoes New Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Beef Burger in a Bun Roast Potatoes New Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Fish & Chips Roast Potatoes New Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables
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WEEK 2 -

w/c 6th May

THE WEST BRIDGFORD SCHOOL				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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GENDER NEUTRAL TOILETS— Mr McDonough

Our announcement to introduce gender-neutral toilets in the main school this summer has understandably been the cause of some considerable interest for both our students and parents. Given this, it is right that we should offer further clarification of our plans.

This is a much-needed initiative for our school; not only are our present students' toilets in the main school block in desperate need of modernising, given these facilities are pre-war design, they are no longer fit for purpose. They fail on so many counts to meet the needs of all of our students including our transgender and non-binary students.

Students can be forgiven for thinking we merely intend to re-label our present toilets as gender-neutral; this is most certainly not the case, because they are not fit for such purpose. We intend to completely redesign and refurbish them, with some comprehensive building work.

We all have gender-neutral toilets at home and, consequently, we are all very familiar with them. In a school, they work by offering a student a private space. The cubicle is fully enclosed from floor to ceiling and the door affords no visual gaps around the edges. This is what we introduced in the Post-16 centre and these are not seen as anything unusual.



GENDER NEUTRAL



Gender Neutral toilet cubicles (blue doors) in our Post-16 Centre opening directly onto the corridor.

Some cubicles will include wash hand basins, but other basins will be communal. Our cubicles will contain everything our students require for their personal hygiene and we will include a small mirror on the back of the door so, for example, a girl might adjust her hijab in private. We also aim to assign cleaners to keep these toilets in first class condition after every break and lunch time.

As school leaders, we have always been concerned that our present washrooms are in secluded areas of the school and not readily supervised by staff. Duty staff may not always be of the right gender and cannot readily enter our washroom areas to check if all is well. We know the seclusion of our washrooms put some students off using our toilets. Consequently, a key feature of a gender-neutral washroom is that they are in open and highly visible spaces where students and staff walk past them on a regular basis.

Whilst we believe these new toilets and washrooms will be readily accepted by our students, parents should also be assured that we will still retain separate boys and girls toilets in other areas of the school in order to continue to accommodate the preferences of all; this is a case of evolution rather than revolution.

For your interest, we have compiled two short videos to give you a clear idea of the nature of the change we intend to make.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW OUR PARTNER SCHOOL GENDER NEUTRAL TOILET VIDEO.](#)

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE EXISTING GENDER NEUTRAL TOILETS IN POST 16.](#)

Shortly we also intend to take our detailed plans to our student council in order to take their views.