



Dates for your Diary

- Friday 5th March – Year 11 testing day
- W/c 8th March – staggered return to school and testing
- Tuesday 9th March – Year 7 Parent/Tutor event.



Friday: 5th February 2021

Attendance: N/A

Parents & carers, please only come to the school Reception in an emergency. If you need to speak to someone, please phone Reception and be advised by them in the first instance. Thank you.



ATTENDING SCHOOL
PREPARING FOR LIFE

HAL tip of the week:

Find time to be you

Spending regular time alone helps you to get to know and stay in touch with yourself (we're all constantly growing and changing). Alone time is an opportunity to check in with how you're doing and what you want, so you can live your most intentional life. Some people enjoying hiking, going for a walk or run, meditating, or even sunbathing as a healthy source of alone time.

Year 7 Parent Tutor Event - Reach for the Stars!

We would like to invite Year 7 parents and carers to our upcoming Year 7 parent tutor event, which will take place between 3pm and 6.30pm on Tuesday 9th March. Please look out for an email from the school on Friday 26th February, which will detail how you can sign up for a one to one call with your child's tutor. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress as well as how we can, together, support them on their return to school. We very much look forward to speaking with you on the day.

Oxford Online Maths Club

Every Thursday at 16:30, we'll be livestreaming one hour of maths problems, puzzles, mini-lectures, and Q&A. It's free, interactive, casual, and relaxed, with an emphasis on solving problems, building fluency, and looking ahead at links to university maths. It is aimed at students aged 16-18. Our regular host is Dr. James Munro (Admissions Coordinator for Maths at Oxford), and we often have current Oxford students or lecturers on the livestream as guests. More information: www.maths.ox.ac.uk/r/club

Book of the Week

The Haven by Simon Lelic



Our city. Our secret. Our rules.

Alone and on the run, Ollie Turner has nowhere to hide... but he gets a second chance. Underneath the city there's a secret organisation, far from adult eyes, called the Haven.

Soon Ollie is caught up in their battle: to stop Maddy Sikes destroying the city. Time is running out for Ollie and his new friends, and millions of lives are at stake...

Year 11 Updates

We are pleased to announce that we have had a large majority of our Year 11 students apply to college and given a conditional offer. Students are still applying, and we are continuing to support them with the process.

Study Skills - These sessions take place every fortnight; they are delivered by the Year 11 tutors have been a success. During the lock down period, the tutors have used part of the session to check in with their tutees. The sessions provide guidance and information with regards to all things 'Year 11' as well as life after Ninestiles. We are very proud of the commitment our students have shown.

Academic Words

KS3: achieve, appropriate, credit, evaluation, acquisition
KS4: arbitrary, predominant, detect, complement, exploit

Literacy Focus

PRACTICE OR PRACTISE:

The word practice with a C is a noun (naming word) and the word practise with an S is a verb (doing word).

For example:

- I need to attend football practice after school. (noun)
- He was practising his singing in the bath! (verb)

Thought of the Week

“The successful warrior is the average man, with laser-like focus.”

Bruce Lee



Students of the Week

Year 7	★	Gurinderjit Sandhu
Year 7	★	Angelpreet Chadha
Year 8	★	Isaac Asim
Year 8	★	Ruqayyah Mahmood
Year 9	★	Hamaad Mahmood
Year 9	★	Maria Noori
Year 10	★	Halima Bashir
Year 10	★	Kamran Habibi
Year 11	★	Olivia Aghae
Year 11	★	Zayn Springer