

NEWSLETTER

6 DECEMBER 2024

BURNELL HOUSE ASSEMBLY

We had our first-ever house Assembly this week; ably led by students from Burnell house. We all learned a lot about the history of the Nobel Prize, its winners (and losers!) and some of its quirks. Congratulations to everyone who demonstrated our value of Aspiration by standing in front of the whole school and presenting!



LOOKING AHEAD FOR OUR STUDENTS



Thank you for joining us for the first Parent/Carer Meetings this week - our tutors have really enjoyed meeting you all. Many questions came up about how we will be supporting the young people with their transitions after their A Levels.

Our Future Pathways programme kicks off in the Spring term and we will be hosting an online Parents and Carers Information Evening on Wednesday 8 January 16:45 - 17:30 to tell you all about it. This will include preparation for university applications and exploring other future options including apprenticeships and other routes. Please put the date in your diary!

PIZZA FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Next Wednesday the Headteachers would like to invite you to our first-ever Pizza for Parents and Carers social event! This will be an informal opportunity to join us for pizza and a chat, to see how our spaces have evolved this term, and to look forward to what's coming next term.



The event will be held at Kings College Guildford (GU2 8DU) and will run from 16.30-18.00. You are welcome to stay for the whole event or just part of it if that works better for you. **Please could you let us know by lunchtime on Monday 9 December whether you are able to join us? [Click here!](#)** We'd love to see you!

BEHAVIOUR AND SUPPORT POLICY

Thank you for your support this term as your child has adjusted to the new routines and expectations that come with transitioning to a new school. A reminder of our policy is [here](#). We are looking forward to awarding our first School Colour awards at the end of term assembly on Thursday 19 December to students who have gained over 50 individual house points over the term.

Please note that we have made an adjustment to our sanctions process: any three Stage 1 sanctions issued in a single term will result in escalation to a Sanction 2 sanction, issued by the Year Lead. This replaces the policy that three Stage 1 sanctions issued in a single week will result in escalation - this is to help us to ensure that all Independent Learning Tasks are completed by students!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- PwC trip / DofE set-up time - 10 December
- Pizza for parents & carers - 11 December
- Careers speaker & talent show - 17 Dec
- Students' end of term celebration - 17 Dec
- Last day of term - 20 December (13.00)
- First day of term - 6 January 2025 (09.25)
- Future Pathways information session - 8 Jan
- DofE training day (SILVER) - 24 January
- DofE training day (GOLD) - 29 January
- INSET day - 29 January