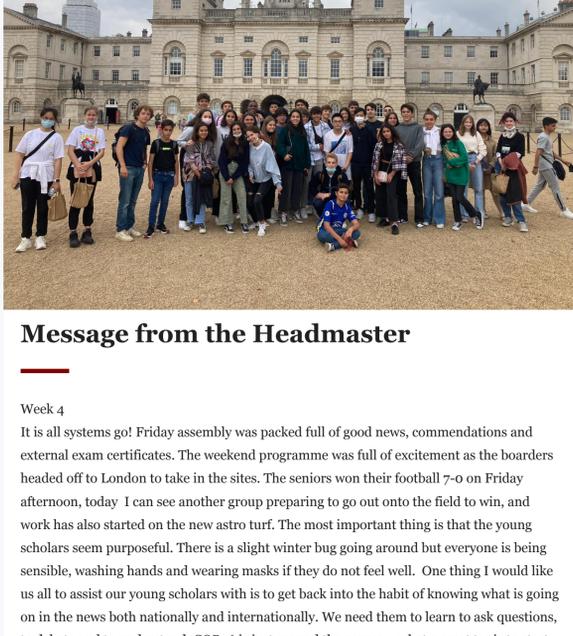


Monday 27th September 2021

## Newsletter - Week 4

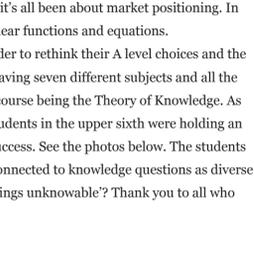
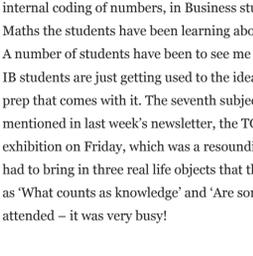


### Message from the Headmaster

Week 4

It is all systems go! Friday assembly was packed full of good news, commendations and external exam certificates. The weekend programme was full of excitement as the boarders headed off to London to take in the sites. The seniors won their football 7-0 on Friday afternoon, today I can see another group preparing to go out onto the field to win, and work has also started on the new astro turf. The most important thing is that the young scholars seem purposeful. There is a slight winter bug going around but everyone is being sensible, washing hands and wearing masks if they do not feel well. One thing I would like us all to assist our young scholars with is to get back into the habit of knowing what is going on in the news both nationally and internationally. We need them to learn to ask questions, to debate and to understand. COP26 is just around the corner – what a great topic to start engaging your child in over supper perhaps... whatever it is it is important that our scholars are well versed in worldly matters.

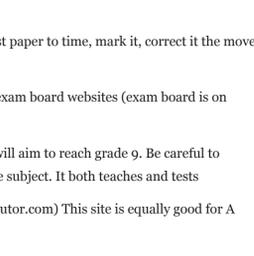
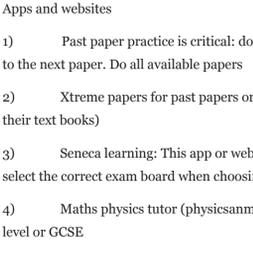
Have a great week



### News from the Sixth Form

Seems like the weeks are flying by – three weeks gone already! Everyone in the sixth form is settling in well to their new regimes and spirits on campus are still very positive. Our students in A level Art and Photography are building their portfolios, in Biology, they've been making intense notes on molecules, in Computer science they've been learning about internal coding of numbers, in Business studies it's all been about market positioning. In Maths the students have been learning about linear functions and equations. A number of students have been to see me in order to rethink their A level choices and the IB students are just getting used to the idea of having seven different subjects and all the prep that comes with it. The seventh subject of course being the Theory of Knowledge. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the TOK students in the upper sixth were holding an exhibition on Friday, which was a resounding success. See the photos below. The students had to bring in three real life objects that they connected to knowledge questions as diverse as 'What counts as knowledge?' and 'Are some things unknowable?' Thank you to all who attended – it was very busy!

On Wednesday there is an Independent Learning workshop for all members of the Lower Sixth. The session is all about how to use study time more effectively and covers topics like, research and speed reading. On Friday, we also have a trip to Winston Churchill's Chartwell home, for Politics students.



### News from the GCSE years

There will be a multi-activity/teambuilding day for Form 4 and 5 on Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 with Trek co. It looks to be a stimulating day

GCSE mocks and exams are approaching fast and it is important form 5 students are revising hard from this point onwards.

It is imperative that they are prepared for exams they will need : large clear pencil case, calculator, ruler, maths set, black biro's (pack) ,pencils and a rubber.

Resources to use for revision:

Textbooks, revision guides and workbooks: it has been proven on clinical trials that writing notes will improve retention index cards, coloured pencils for mind mapping

Apps and websites

- 1) Past paper practice is critical: do a past paper to time, mark it, correct it the move to the next paper. Do all available papers
- 2) Xtreme papers for past papers or the exam board websites (exam board is on their text books)
- 3) Seneca learning: This app or website will aim to reach grade 9. Be careful to select the correct exam board when choosing the subject. It both teaches and tests
- 4) Maths physics tutor (physicsanmathstutor.com) This site is equally good for A level or GCSE
- 5) Savemyexams.co.uk
- 6) BBC bitesize
- 7) Tony Buzan: Buzan's Study Skills: Mind Maps, Memory Techniques, Speed Reading and More! Or his mindmap book
- 8) Students can attend access time. They can contact their teachers on teams to arrange this.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me - Ms Dargers

### Magic Maths event

### News from the Junior School

There has been so much going on this week, it's hard to know where to start. Football, netball, tennis, martial arts, drama, cooking, celebrating International peace day, trips and shows all brought lots of excitement to the Grange; whilst in school this week it was all whizzes and bangs in the sports hall when the explorable dome company came to visit - students learned about the wonders and magical mysteries of science with stunning visuals and plenty of hands-on interaction and participation. It was both a lively and fascinating Thursday morning.

Out of school, some of the juniors were off on their first trip of the year to Drusilla's, where an educational workshop was led by experts. The students learnt about how animals adapt to the habitats they live in. They also learnt about why some animals are now endangered and how some organisms can become extinct. Students had hands-on experience with a variety of animals from chinchillas to snakes! A fantastic time was had by all and the Buckswood students showed exemplary behaviour, receiving positive feedback from other visitors at the zoo. Well done for representing yourselves in such a good light.

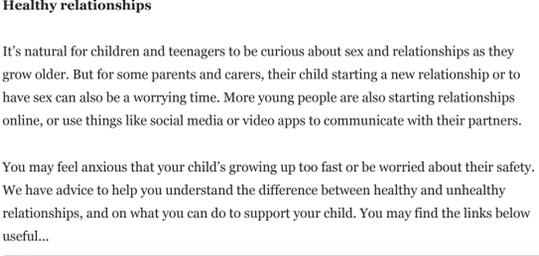
Special mentions this week:

Tillie - I won't forget the hello kitty car ride!!! Alieta, Naheeba, Dinah, George, Tibbie, Mattie, Celia, Alieta



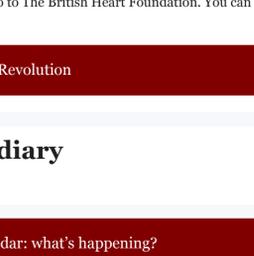
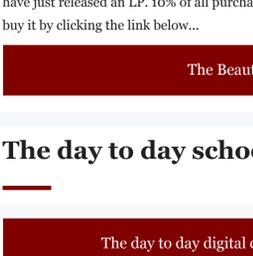
### Sporting news

### Sport Newsletter



Old Buckswoodian & Polish Ruby national team player Stash visits Buckswood.

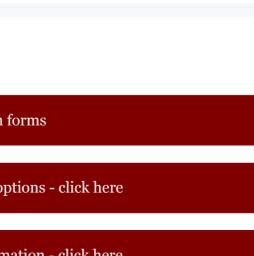
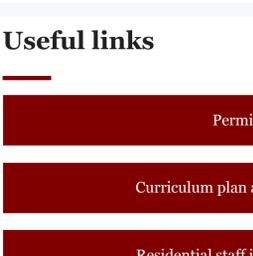
### Boarding news



Sixth Form camping and a Trip to London, just two of the highlights this weekend

### Old Buckswoodian news

Old Buckswoodian testimonial: What I am today is because of Buckswood School, which taught me everything to becoming a successful person & a good human being. They say children don't like school, but I can proudly say I loved school & that is because of Buckswood School & it's excellent staff & Mr Sutton too.



Before & now: Abbas

### Safeguarding

#### Healthy relationships

It's natural for children and teenagers to be curious about sex and relationships as they grow older. But for some parents and carers, their child starting a new relationship or to have sex can also be a worrying time. More young people are also starting relationships online, or use things like social media or video apps to communicate with their partners.

You may feel anxious that your child's growing up too fast or be worried about their safety. We have advice to help you understand the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and on what you can do to support your child. You may find the links below useful...

#### Healthy Relationships

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### Other - English department news

The English Department is delighted to announce the arrival of our new teacher, Ms Elizabeth Husher. She has taken on the responsibility for looking after Forms 1 and 2 as well as helping Mr Lappin with GCSE students. Her impact has been instant with a popular Period 7 English Club getting started. Look out for new developments in the department as there is a distinct possibility that a pilot Junior Spelling Bee is in the offing. Mr Lappin is also pleased to report that all students have got straight down to their work and a strong and studious work ethic is developing within the first few weeks of term.

We would also like to give a shout out to Mr Lappin's band, the Beautiful-Revolution, who have just released an LP. 10% of all purchases go to The British Heart Foundation. You can buy it by clicking the link below...

#### The Beautiful Revolution

### The day to day school diary

#### The day to day digital calendar: what's happening?

### Attendance

Our Attendance line is 01424 815915 if your child is going to be absent or email [pa@buckswood.co.uk](mailto:pa@buckswood.co.uk). Any pre-arranged absence should be requested via the absence form in the Forms Section on the school website <https://www.buckswood.co.uk/permissions-forms/>

If parents need to take their children out of school before the end of the school day, please sign out in Reception.

### Contacts

#### Department contact information

### Useful links

#### Permission forms

#### Curriculum plan and options - click here

#### Residential staff information - click here

#### Safeguarding & The Wellbeing Hub

