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As we move into the final half term of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our current Year 11 learners the very best for the future whether they are going on to further education, apprenticeships or employment. You take with you the best wishes of all the staff and my gratitude for the excellent contribution you have made to the life of Castlebrook High School. Good luck. *A Roberts*

Year 11 leavers meal

All year 11 have received letters regarding arrangements for the leavers meal. Please ensure that you read this carefully to enable everybody to have a wonderfully enjoyable evening.

GCSE Results Day

GCSE results day this year is taking place on Thursday 25th August. Year 11 will be able to pick up their results from school between 9.30 am—11.00 am and other years from 11.30—12.30.

GCSE Exams

The GCSE exam season is now well under way. we have already received excellent feedback from our external exam invigilators who have all spoken very highly of the excellent way in which our learners have conducted themselves in the examination hall. I have every confidence that this will continue as I know how determined all our learners are to achieve the very best possible GCSE results.

GCSE Revision Class Timetable

Date	Subject	Time	Room	Teacher
Tue 31 st May	RE – GCSE Full Course	9.30 – 11.30	C34	Miss Culshaw
Tue 31 st May	Construction (mainly Y11)	10.00 - 3.00	Construc- tion Block	Miss Holden
Tue 31 st May	Travel & Tourism	10.00 – 3.00	B26	Mrs Marshall
Tue 31 st May	BTEC Media	10.00 – 3.00	C11	Mr Hawkins
Tue 31 st May	Music and Performing Arts	10.00 – 1.00	A13	Miss O’Keefe
Wed 1 st June	Construction	10.00 – 3.00	Construc- tion Block	Miss Holden
Wed 1 st June	BTEC Science (Y11 only)	10.00 – 3.00	B30	Miss Ayris
Thur 2 nd June	Sociology	10.00 – 3.00	C29	Mr West
Fri 3 rd June	Maths GCSE Y11	9.00 – 12.00	C1, C6, C8	Mr Swan/ Mrs Bowker/ Mrs Murphy

Thank you to all staff who are putting on GCSE Revision Classes over the Spring Bank Holiday. Learners will have been informed if they are to attend.

Please give your child every encouragement to revise at home. The last few weeks of revision will make a world of difference to their final GCSE results.



Green Britain Week

18th May was Green Britain Day and this week we are helping to support Green Britain Week which is aimed at making schools more sustainable.



To mark this event we are aiming to do something to help and have decided on a different daily Green theme .

Tuesday will be 'Turn Off Tuesday' where lessons will be taught with classroom lights off, where possible!

Wednesday is 'Walk to School Wednesday' where we have asked learners to walk to school or get the bus, but to try not to arrive by car (unless car sharing).

Thursday is 'Badge for a Bottle' day where learners are asked to bring an empty bottle to school for recycling. Learners will receive a Team Green Britain badge.

Friday is 'Goodbye to Standby' where we will be asking teachers to turn off all PCs, including monitors and TVs at the end of the day.

Year 11 Options

Bury Council are offering 14 apprenticeships to Year 11 leavers. The apprenticeships cover a wide range of roles within the council. For more details contact Anna Hobson on 0161 253 5141 or email her on a.hobson@bury.gov.uk

Bury College have sent details of a new course in Barbering (men's hairdressing) running from September 2011. It is a one year course and leads to a Level 2 Diploma. Please ask your child to see Mr West for a leaflet if interested.

BTEC Performance

On Thursday 12th May we had our final BTEC performance of the year, featuring the Performing Arts and Music classes, as well as a song from members of our Glee club. The evening was a great success and a wonderful way to showcase all the learners' hard work.

The final performance of this academic year will be our Summer concert on Wednesday 6th July, featuring performers from all school groups including both choirs and the wind group.

Art Canvases

Over the Easter holidays and on 24th/25th April, 12 Gifted and Talented learners together with talented learners from GCSE Art & Design and



Photography helped create large canvases which have been put up in the School hall. The famous Bolton artist, Howard Fisher, came in to work with us



and the backgrounds of the murals are based loosely on his way of working. The murals were completed in 2 days and each one is based on an area of

school life. The final mural is to be uncovered on the 24th May and will be produced by Jack Maidment in Year 11. This will equal nine canvases in total, each is 4' x 4'.

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Spare Uniform

If you have any spare uniform that you are willing to donate to school, it would be very much appreciated. We are particularly short of blazers in all sizes and skirts. If your child is leaving school this year and you do not intend passing their uniform onto siblings, then perhaps you would be kind enough to send it into school. Many thanks to all parents/carers who have donated uniform in the past. It is very useful for us to have a supply of uniform that can be used in an emergency. Please send any unwanted uniform to the school office or to Mrs Hoolickin. Thank you.

End of Term Arrangements

In lieu of the Royal Wedding Bank Holiday and as previously notified, school will close one day earlier than calendared on Tuesday 19th July at approximately 1.45pm.

Castlebrook are winners at Dodge Ball

Two Year 9 teams from Castlebrook, along with a team from Broad Oak and Woodhey recently took part in a Dodge Ball competition organised by some students from Holy Cross College.



Both Castlebrook teams qualified for the final and played each other! It was a very competitive match but was played in a good spirit. The boys received a superb trophy and we will be defending this next year. Congratulations to all who took part.

Bury Schools' Cup—Year 7

Congratulations to the Year 7 Football Team who reached the final of the Bury Schools' Cup. The match was played against St Monica's and took



place at Derby High School earlier this month. Although the final result was a 2 v 1 defeat, we had a lot of possession and were very unlucky not to win!! It was an exceptional performance from all our team and well done to Steven Stretton who scored a magnificent goal from outside the penalty area that any professional would have been proud of!!

Trip to Normandy

Castlebrook learners from Years 8—11 recently enjoyed a 3 day trip to Normandy where they stayed



at Chateau du Broutel. 36 learners took part in the trip and a great time was had by all! They visited Paris, took a boat trip on the Seine, went to a local



market and endured a visit to a chocolate factory!! They also went to the Eiffel Tower and some brave learners went to the very top! Jordan Hignett said



“Paris was amazing” and Euan Saunders said that he can't wait to go back again next year! Learners also took part in various activities which included fencing.

138 bus service to Pilsworth

If you or any of your friends would like the 138 bus service to Pilsworth operating throughout the day, please contact First Bus on the following email address: manchesterwest@firstgroup.com

Medication

It is the policy of the school and the LEA that learners should **NOT** under any circumstances carry any medication whilst in school. The only exceptions are inhalers and Epipens. Parents/ Carers must complete our form and any medication must be handed in to Reception first thing in the morning and learners should report to Reception to be given their medication. A copy of our letter concerning medication and the Form 2 is attached for your information.

School Meals

Please note that the cost of a school meal will be increased by 5p from 1st September 2011 to £2.

Bury College Celebration of Achievement

We are pleased to announce that Natalie Bullock and Daniel Kelly, both former learners at Castlebrook, have received awards in recognition of their excellent achievements to date at Bury College. Natalie, who is studying A Level Psychology, Sociology and Law received her award for 'Commitment to Learning' and



Daniel, who is studying BTEC National Diploma in Interactive Media received a 'Special Contribution' award. The 'Celebration of Achievement Awards' was held in April at Bury College which recognises the achievements of students

and the contribution made from High Schools towards the students' successes.

School Uniform

As detailed in previous Newsletters, uniform is compulsory for all learners and the co-operation of parents/carers in ensuring a high standard of dress is requested. No jewellery or make-up is to be worn except a watch and at most one small stud in each ear for pierced ears. Outer coats should be plain black or blue and must not be worn inside the school building. Hoodies, leather or denim jackets are not allowed.

Suitable footwear should be worn by all learners, ie sensible black leather shoes. Boots, trainers, pumps or canvas shoes are not suitable for school.

Dates for your Diary

Day	Date	Time	Event
Mon	6/6	8.45	School re-opens
Thu	23/6	6.00	Year 11 Leavers Meal
Mon	20/6		Timetable rollover
Wed	6/7	7.00pm	Summer Concert

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