



The County Courier

The weekly information sheet from County Upper School

www.countyupper.suffolk.sch.uk

No.3

18 September 2009

Medical Matters

The school is grateful to parents for all their co-operation in this area. Our policy in these matters is:

- a) It is essential that we have **emergency contact numbers** should we need to reach you during the school day. Your child should have returned the **two contact cards** which were issued at the start of term. If not, please send them, via your child, to the form tutor as soon as possible.
- b) If your child requires any **medication during the day**, the following points will obtain:-
 - we must receive a written request for staff to handle the medicine
 - the medicine must be clearly labelled with your child's name, dose and timing and the smallest practical dose should be brought to school
 - any specific instructions concerning the medication or its storage must also be put in writing.
- c) **Paracetamol** is the only medication which the school will issue without specific authorisation from a parent. Parents who do not wish their child to be issued with paracetamol should put this in writing. Prior to issue, students will be asked a series of questions and may be refused the tablet(s). Any tablet(s) issued will be taken under staff supervision. Parents may wish to

explain these precautionary measures to their children.

- d) **Mr McWilliam**, our Student Support Co-ordinator, can advise on all attendance issues. **His direct line is 01284 763638.** and this should be used to report all student absence.

We will, of course, continue to provide a high standard of care for your child whilst at school and are happy to discuss any matters with you.

From your PTA

- The school's PTA is a strong one and new parents are invited to meet the committee for coffee and cake at **7.30 pm on Thursday 1st October in the community lounge.** It will be followed at 8 pm by the AGM and the first meeting of the new committee. All parents are very welcome.
- There are a few seats left on the coach which your PTA committee has organised to **Milton Keynes for Saturday 24th October, the first Saturday of half term.** The coach will leave school at 8 am and leave Milton Keynes at 5 pm. It will park so that people can visit the Xscape Centre or the shopping centre (or both). Main school students must be accompanied by an adult. The price is £10 per seat. If you would like to go, please send a £5 deposit in an envelope, clearly

marked "PTA Milton Keynes trip" to Mrs C Bennett, Head's PA. These last few seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and we will obviously return your deposit if we cannot meet all requests.

Photographs

All parents should have received today the proof copies and order forms for this year's **school photographs**. If you wish to place an order, please follow the instructions and ask your child to bring the envelope to reception.

Year Group News

Year 9

- Thank you to those parents who attended last night's Information Evening. Those parents who were unable to come will receive the **Curriculum Year Booklet** via their child next week.

Year 10

- Parents will receive the **Curriculum Year Booklet** via their child on Thursday. These are personalised for the subjects each individual student studies. Parents should bring the booklet to the **Beginning of Year Information Evening that evening (ie. Thursday 24th September at 7.30 pm)**. **Students are not required to attend**, the meeting is for parents only.
- Students taking **GCSE Child Development** will begin the first piece of coursework next week.

Year 11

- All students who take **GCSE Drama** have the first of two coursework practical days on **Thursday 24th September** and it is vital that students are present for this part of the examination.
- Today all students have been given a **letter about arrangements for consultation during this important GCSE year**. Attached to the letter is an appointments' sheet for the **parents' evening to be held on Thursday 8th October from 4.30 to 7.00 pm**.

Year 12

All year twelve have now received a copy of the **sixth form handbook** and parents can have an additional copy on request. A **letter containing target grades** for your children will be posted today. If there are any queries, please contact Mr Fisher or Mrs Rossi.

Year 13

'A' level **English Literature** students have their visit to London to see "Othello" on **Thursday**.

Fixtures

22.09.09

U16A boys' football v Thurston (h)

U15A/B boys football v St Benedict's (a)

U14 boys' football v Thurston (a)

23.09.09

U15B boys' football v Thurston

24.09.09

U14/U16 girls' netball v Thurston (h)