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Luke Southgate

We were all saddened last week by the death of former student, **Luke Southgate**, whilst on active service in Afghanistan. We remember a conscientious student, a good sportsman and a fine young man who was very popular and got on with everybody. Polite, reliable and selfless he quietly did everything that was asked of him. No one ever had a bad word to say about Luke and he is a former student of whom we are very proud. The thoughts and prayers of the whole County Upper community are with Luke's family at this time.

The Spring Concert

This term's full concert with all our major ensembles will be held in the school hall on **Wednesday 24th March at 7.30 pm**. Tickets will be available from reception from **next Wednesday** onwards, priced £5 (£3 concessions).

Year Group News

Year 9

- Year nine parents are reminded of the **Information Evening and Options Fayre** for parents and students next **Thursday (11th March) at 7.00 pm**.
- All year nine parents should have received through the post by Monday a **letter inviting them to their children's academic review and options consultations**.

Years 9 and 10

- This term's **interim assessments** will go home, via the students, next **Wednesday (10th March)**.

Year 10

- Year ten students will have a **follow-up interview** with their tutors over the next three weeks. Parents are not routinely invited to the interviews because there were two full parents' evenings for year ten in January. There is a further **parents' evening** on **5th May**.

Year 11

- Thank you to all those parents who attended last night's parents' evening. Students will be issued with the **final revision guide and timetable** during the week commencing **15th March**.
- **GCSE Music** students have their ensemble examination on either **Tuesday (9th) or Wednesday (10th)** of next week.

Years 12 and 13

- Parents of sixth form students will receive their children's **Interim Assessments** on **Tuesday 16th March** prior to the **final parents' evening** before the AS/A2 examinations. This evening is to be held on **Thursday 25th March** between **4.30 and 7.00 pm.**
- Year twelve **Geography** students have their fieldwork day on the **North Norfolk coast** on **Monday (8th March).**

West Suffolk College Open Events

These are to be held on the following dates:

Saturday 6 March: 9.30 am – 12.00 pm

Monday 8 March: 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

A French Connection

Triplets (two boys and one girl) are interested in an exchange with students in this area, with a return visit to their home in Paris. Alternatively, a paying arrangement could be considered. They would come to England in July for two weeks of more. This would coincide with

the end of the summer term in Suffolk. They are aged 17 and ideally, it would be better for their language acquisition if they could be in different homes. If you feel you may be able to accommodate one or two of these students, please contact **Mrs Bailey or Mr Staples** at school.

Fixtures

09.03.10

U16 Emerging Schools' Rugby at Stowmarket Rugby Club

11.03.10

U16 boys' football v Thurston (h)

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The 2010 scheme has now started and vouchers are issued for every £10 spent at Sainsbury's stores or online, Bonus vouchers may be earned on specific products. The PE department would be very grateful for your support. Vouchers can be placed in the box on reception.

Thank you.