## **Newsletter – 5th October**

#### Notes from the Headteacher

Two weeks ago all students were issued with a set of tickets for the School Association Grand Draw. Some of which may still be at the bottom of school bags! If you have not yet done so, it would be appreciated if you were able to purchase tickets to help support the School. Tickets can also be obtained from the School office. Money and ticket stubs should also be returned to the School office. There are some great prizes available, including an iPad and £500 travel vouchers. The Association do some great work for the School and would really appreciate your support. Every pound raised will go directly to supporting our students.

Thank you to all those parents who supported last night's open evening by allowing their child to attend and help staff and meet visitors. The night was extremely busy, and as always all were a real credit to the school.

Finally, today is World Teachers' Day, which commemorates the anniversary of the adoption of the ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. To mark the day, The Pearson Teaching Awards are encouraging parents and carers to #ThankATeacher on behalf of a child. To thank a teacher, visit this link. It's easy to do, and every teacher mentioned receives a card of thanks in the post.



Colin Turner, Headteacher

# **Guide to GCSE Success Wednesday 17th October 6 - 7.15 pm**

GCSEs have changed! There is a much greater emphasis on the recall of knowledge, such as learning quotes for English or formulae in maths and science. Grades are allocated based on a students performance against the national cohort so they have to strive to better their peers to have a chance of the highest grades. Exams are longer and there are more of them, so students need to also be resilient and have the stamina to get through the GCSE period. If you (and your son/daughter) would like to learn about some strategies for success you are invited to attend this evening. Please note that this is a (modified) repeat of the session offered at the beginning of the year for current Year 11 students.



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# **Upcoming Events: Monday 8th October**

2.15 - 5.15pm Y7 Boys Football v Harwich School (National Cup) - (A) 8.30am - 2.30pm Y9 Young Leaders Rugby - Rushmere 1.30 - 4.30pm U14 Rugby v RHS (A)

### **Tuesday 9th October**

3 - 6pm Y8 & 9 Netball v Copleston - (A) U16 Girls Football v Copleston - (A) Y7 Rugby v Copleston - (A) 4 - 5.15pm Y8 Football v Copleston - (H)

#### Wednesday 10th October

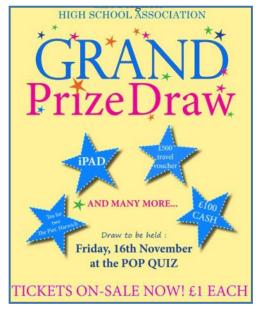
2.45-6.15pm Y11 Netball Tournament - Kesgrave 3 - 6pm U14 Boys Football v Thurleston (National Cup) (A)

## **Thursday 11th October**

11.30 - 3.15pm Cross Country RHS 4-5.15pm U15 Girls Rugby v Hartismere - (H)

## Friday 12th October

3-5.15pm U14 Girls Football v Ipswich Academy (County Cup)



#### **Dora Love Prize**

Last week, ten Year 9 students were thoroughly engaged in the induction day for the Dora Love Prize at the University of Essex. They took part in a range of workshops to get them thinking about discrimination and persecution; how it can manifest itself and how it can be challenged.

They also listened to a presentation by Professor Rainer Shultz and a question and answer session with Holocaust survivor, Frank Bright.

This induction day was to inspire and encourage students as they embark on a project which they will



later present at the university during Holocaust Memorial Day events at the end of January.

# Geography Department Photography Competition

Submissions are invited for the Annual Geography Photography Competition to show human or physical geography.

The competition is open to students and staff of EBHS. To enter, please send an image in the form of jpeg to:competition@ebhigh.org.uk

Please note rules below:

- The photograph should be your own work
- Entrants can enhance the picture to make it brighter, clearer etc, but not manipulate the content.
- Photographs must be a minimum of 1 MB and a maximum of 5 MB in size.
- The closing date is Mon 29th October.



#### Disruption to Bus 93 & 94

We have been advised that there will be a road closure located at the bottom of Ipswich Road in Colchester. The closure will cause bus numbers 93 & 94 to divert through the Level Crossing at Harwich Road. The closure is scheduled to start on the 2nd October for approximately 3 weeks. Further information can be obtained from Ipswich buses on 0800 919390

#### School Association

The School Association are holding a Grand Prize Draw to raise funds for the School. The draw will take place at the Association's Pop Quiz on the 16th November. Among the prizes are an iPad, £100 cash & £500 worth of travel vouchers.

Tickets have been distributed via form groups. Tickets can also be collected from the School Office.

#### **Net Aware**

Net Aware offer parents advice relating to the use of social media and online safety. Useful information can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>

# Useful links for mental health

School is often asked if there is information available regarding supporting the mental health of young people. The following link highlights a range of contacts for answering questions about the mental health of students.