



NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th January

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Dear Families,

Mid-Year Examinations

Next week, all pupils in Years 7 – 10 will be sitting their mid-year exams across all of their subjects in our assessment week (16th Jan – 20th Jan). These exams will take place in class and their results will be reported home after marking, standardisation and analysis.

Pupils have received:

- A revision list that covers topics/areas of focus.
- An assembly about the format and importance of these examinations, including information about reducing exam worry and stress.
- Guidance from their subject teachers about the format of each examination .
- PREP time to revise (using the look... cover... write... check routine).

It is essential that all pupils attend school every day and come properly prepared with the necessary equipment (their standard equipment list for school). I am sure you will be eager to discuss these examinations with your child - you can find all of the information about the assessment week on this section of our website: <https://www.houstoneschool.co.uk/exams/>

These exams are a real opportunity for our pupils to demonstrate what they have learned since joining us in September and for teachers to identify any gaps in learning that need to be addressed. Our tutors have reported that PREP sessions have been very focused and pupils have been committed to their revision over the past weeks and we look forward to seeing their hard work come to fruition next week.

Electives

Our new electives have kicked off with a bang and pupils have thoroughly enjoyed their experiences in Cricket, Boxing Saves Lives, Box fit, Dungeons and Dragons, School Magazine, Film Club, Text to Film, Mindfulness Yarn, Football Coaching, First Aid, Medical Sciences, Song writing and Debate club.





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I believe strongly that pupils deserve a rich offer of extracurricular experiences throughout their time at school. Our Elective programme is designed to boost our children's confidence to interact socially with others; extend their social networks; and provide them with new skills and abilities that they otherwise may not gain.

All of this work could not, of course, take place without the dedication and hard work of our whole staff body. All of our teachers and learning mentors run weekly elective sessions in addition to their teaching timetable. I would like to use this opportunity to thank them for their commitment to our pupils.

Best wishes,

Elizabeth English
Principal