

HOUSTONE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 15 March 2024

Dear Families,

Ramadan Mubarak

I would like to wish all our families observing Ramadan a very happy and peaceful Ramadan. I hope that this month brings you and your families peace, blessings and spiritual fulfilment.

Year 8 Parents Evening

On Tuesday, we held our Year 8 Parents Evening and I wanted to extend my gratitude to each and everyone of you who attended- your engagement plays a crucial role in your child's academic achievement and success.

During the evening our dedicated teachers had the opportunity to provide valuable insights into your child's progress, strengths and areas for improvement. Your willingness to listen, ask questions and engage in constructive discussions with subject teachers not only fosters a strong partnership between home and school but also empowers us to better support your child.

Thank you for your unwavering support and active involvement in your child's education.

Electives Programme

Beyond the classroom, our pupils continue to shine in various extracurricular activities during our Electives which takes place on Wednesday afternoons. Whether it's in sports, arts or a community-based service, their passion and talent are evident. I want to acknowledge the commitment of staff and coaches who play a pivotal role in nurturing these talents.



Teachers2Parents Communication

We are excited to announce that we are implementing a new text/email messaging system to improve communication between school and parents. Teachers2Parents will enable us to send important updates, reminders and announcements directly to your mobile phones ensuring that you stay informed and connected with the latest happenings at Houston School.

To ensure that you receive these messages promptly, please ensure that your contact information, particularly your mobile number and email address are up to date. If you need to update your contact details, please contact the school office at info@houstoneschool.co.uk.

We are committed to enhancing communication and collaboration between school and parents and we believe that this new system will be a valuable tool in achieving this goal.

Breakfast at Houston

We've recently worked with our catering company to launch a breakfast service in the mornings. There is a full range of hot and cold breakfast items available each day. Free porridge is available for pupils every morning, helping anyone who hasn't eaten breakfast at home to be ready for the school day ahead!



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Everything OK? Central Bedfordshire Council

Central Bedfordshire Council have launched an Everything OK service, with the input and collaboration of young people - just like you. They're here to support all the young people in Central Bedfordshire, by making sure you know what support is available - locally and nationally - for when you may need help with how you are feeling and with your mental health. For further information and how to access this service please use this link <https://www.everything-ok.co.uk>

#Knifefree Houghton Launch Event

We pledged to "Just Drop it" as a school when we joined the campaign against knife crime in 2023. The #knifefree Houghton Campaign launches on April 3rd at noon on the village green.

There will be a range of activities:

- Design your own graffiti board or baseball hat.
- Gaming Party Bus
- Create a Mural



Dates for your Diary

- SEND Coffee Morning - Tuesday 19th March (further information to be communicated).
- Easter Break - Friday 29th March
- Staff INSET Day - Monday 15th April
- Start of Summer Term (pupils return to school) - Tuesday 16th April

Best Wishes

Ms English | Principal

