

# Parent Bulletin, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026



## Events wc. 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Week 2	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7-9 Biomimicry Sessions
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	

### Mobile phones

Nationally the use of mobile phones for young people has been under much scrutiny. Recent guidance from the DfE has strengthened the case for schools moving to more formal solutions to ensure young people's learning and their well-being are not negatively impacted upon by access to phones and other electronic devices during the school day.

With this in mind we have taken the decision, as many schools both locally and nationally have done, to move to a mobile phone pouch approach. This will allow students to retain their devices to ensure safety on the way to and from school and keep their devices on them during the day, whilst ensuring that they cannot be used during their time on the Academy site.

We are working with our supplier around an implementation programme and are aiming to have a system in place in the latter part of the Summer term.

I am sure you will have questions about the practicalities of such a system and to support you in further understanding the approach we will be adopting there will be a parents forum on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm. During this we will present to parents on the approach and will be able to answer questions. We will also be sending out full details of the new procedures ahead of their implementation, and working with students so they fully understand these changes.

### Biomimicry

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be taking part in a series of sessions in the main hall as part of British Science Week. Each 1-hour session will be led by Phillip Burnett and his team from Zoolab UK in the hall, exploring Biomimicry.

### Homework club

We are pleased to announce that our new afterschool homework club has begun. If your child would like support with any homework or a quiet space to work, then this is the place for them! Homework club is on every night from 3pm - 4pm in B-block. There are subject specialists on hand to support your child with every subject. Computers and printers are also available.

### Donations Needed – Containers

Our Food Department is looking for empty, clean sweet tubs (such as the round Heroes or Roses containers often bought at Christmas). If you have any at home, please ask your child to drop them off in Miss Oliver's room.

Thank you!

### Ice Cream Tub Donations

The Art Department is looking for donations of 2-litre ice cream tubs to use for making exciting plaster casting moulds. Donations would be very gratefully received and will help students create some spectacular work. Thank you!