

Dear Parents/Carers

## Newsletter Friday 12 February 2010

Please take note of the information on RSS Feed. This will enable you to get up to date information from our school website as soon as it is published.

Enjoy the half term break. Term begins on Monday February 22.

### RSS Feed

The 'School News' section of the School website has a link on the left-hand side for an RSS feed. An RSS feed is text that can be read by devices such as computers and phones. Perhaps the best explanation is available on the BBC website <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/help/3223484.stm> . This not only explains what RSS feeds are, but also the options available to you in order to access them.

This means that you can subscribe to our news service for free and receive immediate updates in your email or on your internet-enabled phone whenever news is added to our website.

### The Andy Sibson Sport and Learning Fund

As I am sure you are all aware it has been a year since the tragic death of our Deputy Head, Andy Sibson. The Andy Sibson Sport and Learning Fund was set up in order to help pupils at Cavendish get the opportunity to pursue their dreams in Sport and Music. We have already used some of the fund to enable students to go on trips, something they could not afford to pay for by themselves.

The fund was launched in all assemblies this week, telling pupils and staff how they can access the fund. Miss McAtamney has taken on the role of managing the fund. Pupils can apply for funding by filling in an application form which is available from Miss McAtamney or Mr Barrow.

We will require contact details and a written piece on why you are applying for some funding. Each application will be considered and the applicant will find out within two weeks whether their application was successful or not. Staff can also nominate pupils where they feel they may benefit from the fund. If you have any questions about the fund please do not hesitate to contact Miss McAtamney at school.

### Sad News

One of our experienced and regular Exams Invigilators, Mrs Denise Cohen died suddenly in January. She will be missed by colleagues and the school have sent messages of condolence to her family. A memorial service will be held in March.

## Are you eligible for free schools meals?

You will be eligible for help if you fall into one of the following six categories:

you receive Income Support

you receive Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)

you receive Employment Support Allowance (income-related)

you are entitled to Child Tax Credit, you do not get Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) is not more than £16,040. Anyone receiving Working Tax Credit is not entitled to free school meals regardless of their income.

you get support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

you receive the guarantee credit element of Pension Credit

If you think you may be able to claim for free schools meals and currently do not, please either complete the application form on the website.

<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/meals/free/default.htm> or collect an application from student welfare.

## School Uniform

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students and anyone arriving at school in non-uniform clothing may expect to be sent home to get changed.

No make up is allowed.

Facial piercings have no place in the school community. Nose studs, eyebrow piercings and other facial piercings must not be worn in school. A covering plaster is not acceptable. One stud in each earlobe is acceptable, but these should be modest in size. Earrings and studs with dangling attachments may not be worn. Bracelets and necklaces must not be worn.

During terms 5 and 6 school polo shirts may be worn, but t-shirts should not be worn underneath. If pupils are cold they should continue to wear the school jumper.

Only black 'school' trousers or a knee length skirt may be worn. Jeans or their close relations are not acceptable. Tight-fitting trousers and leggings are not acceptable. Nor are trousers that are clearly too big and fall below the hips. Trousers should be worn full length and not turned up to the knees or otherwise modified. Wide, 'decorative' belts are not part of the school uniform.

Shoes should be plain black. Logos, metal attachments or coloured markings (including coloured soles) are not acceptable. Boots, sandals, flip-flops and mules are not part of our uniform.

The use of headphones and telephones within school and lessons is not allowed as the focus of all pupils should be their surroundings when moving about the building and when learning. Consequently such items should not be visible within the school.

## Girls' cricket

Congratulations to the under 13s girls cricket team who represented Cavendish in the Sussex indoor tournament on Monday 8 February. The girls played really well and finished in 3rd place.

## School dinner menu

Copies of the school dinner menu can be obtained from Student Welfare if required. This runs on a 3 week rota.

## Staff vacancies

We had a very good response to our advert for Exams Invigilators in Grapevine and in the newsletter. Thank you to those who applied and who have attended interviews.

We are currently advertising support staff vacancies:

- Exams Officer
- Admin Assistant
- Cover Supervisor

If you are interested in applying please view the application packs under the Vacancies Section of our website [www.cavendish.e-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.cavendish.e-sussex.sch.uk) or contact Elaine Beynon Director of Human Resources at [personnel@cavendish.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:personnel@cavendish.e-sussex.sch.uk).

## Pre-school places available

There are currently vacancies at Eldon Road Pre-School. They are a warm and friendly pre-school based at Victoria Baptist Church, opposite Cavendish School. They are well established and have been running for 40 years. Their emphasis is on learning through play and they have a good Ofsted report. Sessions are free of charge for 3 year olds. Please call Lynn on 07790 298108 for further details and to arrange a time visit.

## Dates for your diary

Monday 22 February	First day of term 4
Monday 1 March	School photos for Year 11 leaver packs only
Tuesday 2 March	Year 11 Maths module exam am Year 10 Maths module resit pm
Wednesday 3 March	Year 10 Chemistry and Physics exam am