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Headlines by Caroline Gibson...

A Lesson to Learn?

Any regular readers of Hadleigh Times will know that I have concerns as to how some youngsters use the internet, and in particular how they use social networking sites.

Clearly the positive potential of such sites is extraordinary, for example in the way that they help to reduce prejudice by giving young people access to the lives of those they would not normally be in a position to meet; however, they actively encourage young people to share information about themselves which may not always be wise.

Of course, when you are young, such uses of information posted on the web seem incredibly distant. However, many employers routinely search the internet to ensure people they are about to employ could not cause any difficulty to their new employer. When we post any information it is worth reflecting upon whether you would like a future employer to see everything you have posted.

Posting comments is a very immediate process and our children may not always consider the impact of the comments they are posting on themselves, the people to whom they are referring or the legal implications they may face for posting such comments. There have been a number of high profile cases where young people who have posted comments have faced significant legal challenges.

Please do give this some serious thought and support your child by following the guidance below:

- Never put **personal information** of which you would not want someone you do not know to be aware (such as your telephone number, address or MSN address) on any internet site.
- Never place a **photo** or **video** on such a site unless you would be happy for **everyone** to see it and certainly never post a photo of someone else on your site if you do not have their permission to do so.
- Never make comments on social networking sites that you would not be happy to make openly in face-to-face conversation – imagine you're saying what you propose writing to your future employer – would you want to still post it?

Social networking sites have the potential for many positive experiences, but it is essential that the above ground rules are considered by young people and that parents are able to support their child in using these sites responsibly.

Head of Hadleigh Vacancy Update

We have had a great deal of interest in our Headteacher vacancy with many suitable candidates contacting the school and trust for tours and information. Interviews for this role will take place on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd May. The new Head will commence their role in September, but will participate in handover activities after the interviews to ensure a smooth transition.

Wellbeing apps guide for kids

Keeping your children healthy and well is a top priority and there are now many apps available to help improve your child's general wellbeing.

Internet Matters have scoured the best of the net to uncover popular (FREE) wellbeing apps available to download. From meditation techniques to family-based games designed to help kids practise understanding their feelings.

Whilst these apps can be useful, they are not a replacement for seeking professional medical advice if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/wellbeing-apps-guide-kids/>

Thanks to:

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Headteacher's Merits recently awarded to:

Year 7

Rowan Abbott, Natalie Condon, Jodie Turner and Sophie Widdowson.

Year 8

Rhys Caillaud-Shaftoe, Faith Chell, Olivia Cooksey, Grace Cowan, Charlotte Graham, Leo Leeks, Anna MacDonald, Poppy Pemberton and Sara Scaife.

Year 9

Megan Banks, Sophia Bearman, Lily Beer, Rosie Beven, Evie Bishop, Sophie Cage, Callia Casey, Ellie Cecil, Eleanor Chaplin, Eric Clark, Casey Cook, Grace Crook, Maddy Damant, Kayleigh De Banks, Isabel D'Rozario, Daniel Flockhart, Riah Goode, Libby Goodrich, Robert Grimwade, Hollie Hayward, Oliver Herbig, Emily Hunt, Bailey Irons, Eve Macken, Lucy Maskell (2), Tracey Mensah-Apraku, Mia Morris, Amelia Moy, Lilli Pettitt, Silvana Pickett, Paige Ramplin, Lonny Robertson, Millie Sands (2), Violet Shinn, Thomas Simmons, Harriet Smeaton, Charlie Smees, Charlotte Squirrell, Raphael Spraggon, Jacob Todhunter, Hollie Warner, Tia Whymark, Nathan Woolacott-Crow.

Year 11

Eliza Bennett, Emily Bishop, Mattia Damian, Zac Debenham, Bethany Hudson, Tom Johnston, Taylor Maher, Willow Miller, Daniel Parnell, Jake Phillips, Luke Roberts, Emilia Sherred,

Year 8 'Star of the Week'

The winner of this week's Years 8 '**Star of the Week**' is:

Morgan Oehlich.

We are extremely proud of your attitude to learning and hope to see this continue! Well done!

H Factor Junior

Pupils from some of our feeder primary schools will be competing in the first ever junior edition of our well established singing competition. The live finals will be held at Hadleigh High School on Wednesday 2nd May at 6:30pm. Tickets will be available on the door at £5 adult and £2 children. All proceeds will go to supporting primary/secondary transition music activities. (see poster on page 6 of this newsletter)

Le Touquet Trip 28th/29th June 2018

Please note a letter will be coming home shortly with information about this trip. There is a Parents' Evening on 7th June at 5:45pm in the Drama Hall to give final details.

Work Experience Placements Wanted Urgently

Do you know of an employer, specifically office/admin, practical/outdoors who may be willing to participate in taking a Year 10 student for 2 weeks commencing Monday 18th June to Friday 29th June 2018. Please contact Mrs Emmerson, Work Experience Administrator at Hadleigh High School, telephone (01473) 823496 or email cemmerson@hadleighhigh.net if you think you may be in a position to help.

Letters recently sent out/emailed via Parentmail:

Year 11 – Leavers Hoodies
Year 11 – Important Key Dates and Information
Year 10 - History/German – Berlin Trip 2018

Suffolk New College Taster Events

Suffolk New College are holding Taster Events on the following dates;
Wednesday 2nd May – 5:30pm/8:00pm
Thursday 1st November – 5:30pm/8:00pm
Wednesday 5th December – 5:30pm/8:00pm
Tuesday 15th January 2019 – 5:30pm/8:00pm
Saturday 9th February 2019 – 9:30am/12:00pm
Thursday 21st March 2019 – 5:30pm/8:00pm
Wednesday 1st May 2019 – 5:30pm/8:00pm (provisional date)

IMPORTANT Notice: Suffolk County Council's Free School Meals Service

Message from Suffolk County Council Free School Meals Service: Please note that from the 1st January 2018 SCC will no longer be accepting paper applications, only online applications. Please apply online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

Absence Telephone Number/ParentMail

If your child is away from school, please telephone the school on the morning your child is absent. **There is a dedicated telephone line for you to leave a message regarding your child's absence, the number is (01473) 820940 or you can register your child's absence via ParentMail.**

If possible, please indicate how long you think your child is likely to be absent. To support and help you in keeping a check on attendance, we will telephone or text you each day your child is away from school, if we have not heard from you.

If your child arrives late to registration a text will be sent to parents.

If we have not been able to make contact with you regarding your child's absence, you will need to send a note in to your child's Form Tutor, otherwise the absence will be recorded as "Unauthorised" and considered as truancy.

Health and Safety - Allergies

Allergies in society are always on the increase, and in school we are constantly making sure that we protect our students and staff who are susceptible to reactions with certain food types. In order to further protect the wellbeing of our school community, we have made the school a **nut-free zone** and would like to thank you for your support in this matter by not allowing your child to bring in items of food which contain nuts. We have provided, for your information, a list of popular items to be aware of. For some items the link with nuts may be obvious but for others it may be less clear!

Nutella – contains hazelnut.

Milka chocolate – this has no signs of nuts on the packaging, but it is made with hazelnut.

Pesto - contains pine nuts, although these are not nuts, they could potentially be as dangerous as nuts to someone with a serious nut allergy, so for this reason, we kindly ask you not to take any risks.

Marzipan – contains almonds.

Nougat - contains nuts.

Peanut butter - and all other **nut butters**; "Speculoos" (the Belgian biscuit spread - available in most supermarkets) is an ideal replacement for peanut butter, it has a similar texture.

The majority of **breakfast / energy bars** contain nuts.

Granola – breakfast cereal and bars.

If anyone is in the habit of buying tins of chocolates as gifts, these should be checked carefully.

Coconut is absolutely fine – this is not classed as a nut.

Thank you for your support.

Parents' Evenings

Year 6 – 9th July 7:30pm/8:30pm

Please look out for our School Governors at Parents' Evenings. They look forward to meeting the parents and are very happy to discuss any issues you may have.

School Lunch Menus

Please click on the following link www.vertas.co.uk/catering/Vive to download the Vive lunchtime menus provided by Vertas Catering.

There is a three week rotation and the dates are at the top of each menu. The cost of a meal deal is £2.30.

School Uniform Supplier Coes of Ipswich

Coes of Ipswich now stock our School uniform. Click here for their website www.coes.co.uk.

Please be assured that any change in uniform would always involve a consultation with our stakeholders and, any such changes would have a lengthy phase-in period and plenty of notice.

Forthcoming Dates

28th / 29th April	-	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying 1 – Sizewell
1st May	-	Triple P (Teen) Parenting Programme – 6:00pm/8:00pm
2nd May	-	Suffolk New College Taster Event – 5:30pm/8:00pm
2nd May	-	H Factor Junior – 6:30pm/8:00pm – tickets available on the door
3rd May	-	Ardeche 2018 Parents’ Evening – 6:00pm/7:00pm
7th May	-	<i>SCHOOL CLOSED – MAY BANK HOLIDAY</i>
8th May	-	Triple P (Teen) Parenting Programme – 6:00pm/8:00pm
12th / 13th May	-	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying – Sizewell
14th May / 21st June	-	Year 11 GCSE Exams
12th June	-	Year 11’s official final day at school
22nd May	-	Triple P (Teen) Parenting Programme – 6:00pm/8:00pm
23rd May	-	Year 7 Camp 2018 Parents’ Evening – 6:30pm/8:30pm
24th May	-	H Factor – 7:00pm/9:00pm
28th May/1st June	-	<i>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</i>
4th June	-	<i>PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL (YELLOW WEEK)</i>
7th June	-	Le Touquet Parents’ Evening – 5:45pm/6:45pm
21st – 29th June	-	Ardeche/Med trip 2018
25th – 29th June	-	Year 10 Work Experience
25th – 29th June	-	Year 7 Camp 2018
25th – 29th June	-	Activities Week
2nd July	-	SEN Year 6 Induction Day
4th / 5th July	-	Duke of Edinburgh Avenue Training group
6th July	-	Year 6 Induction Day
9th July	-	Year 6 Parents’ Evening – 7:30pm/8:30pm
9th /10th July	-	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Qualifying, Peak District
10th July	-	Year 10 Taster Day at Suffolk One



LIVE FINALS

Wednesday 2nd May

Drama Hall, Hadleigh High School

6:30pm

Tickets available on the door:

£5/adult

£2/child

**MONEY RAISED WILL SUPPORT
PRIMARY/SECONDARY MUSIC TRANSITION**

QUIZ NIGHT

ON BEHALF OF THE STEVEN HENLY
AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING
COMMITMENT TO SPORT



*Zahra and Bob Henly cordially invite you to
take part in a Quiz Night to be held at
Hadleigh High School*

on

Friday 11th May 2018



Doors open at 6:30pm for 7:00pm start



Maximum 6 per team – children welcome but at least
one adult per team. Cost - £3.00 per person

Light refreshments will be available but please feel free
to bring your own drinks and snacks

There will also be a raffle with great prizes

To reserve your table, please e-mail your team name and
contact details to:

bob.henly@tesco.net

or ring us on **01473 827960**

