

High Notes



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Issue 14



'Return To The Forbidden Planet'
'Return to the Forbidden Planet' is a Jukebox musical by playwright Bob Carlton based on Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' and the 1956 science fiction film 'Forbidden Planet' – and will be staged in February at Wilmslow High School.

Join Captain Tempest and his fearless crew on their journey into hyperspace... and beyond! This winner of the 1990 Olivier Award for Best Musical bursts with red hot rock and roll hits, including 'Great Balls of Fire', 'Good Vibrations', 'Teenager in Love', 'The Young Ones' and 'The Monster Mash'. So fasten your seat belts, set your ray guns to stun and get ready for a cosmic adventure of meteoric proportions!

The Story: On a stormy night way back in the winter of 2516, mad scientist Doctor Prospero worked late in his laboratory, aided only by his wife, Gloria, as he developed the elusive formula with which he would change the world. The apparently faithful Gloria, however, duped him and sent him off into hyper-space in an old spacecraft. Unknown to Gloria, her infant daughter, Miranda, slumbered peacefully in the craft and was now catapulted light years into the future in her father's company. Fifteen years later, a routine survey flight under the command of the chisel-jawed Captain Tempest leaves earth's orbit with a new Science Officer aboard - a hard and bitter woman. As a shower of meteorites hits the ship, the Science Officer flees, and the craft is pulled inexorably towards the planet D'Illyria - the Forbidden Planet. The adventure begins

Performances take place at 7.00pm
on
**Tuesday 14th February,
Wednesday 15th February and
Friday 17th February**

Tickets (£8 adults and £6 concessions) will be on sale from the school box office from Tuesday 17th January.

For more information, please contact the box office at boxoffice@wilmslowhigh.com

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School funding cuts

As you may have seen from the media, the government is proposing to introduce a National Funding Formula for schools in 2018-2019. If the proposed formula emerges from the current consultation process unchanged, the implications for education funding in Cheshire East and, therefore, for schools in the Wilmslow district, will be serious.

We will provide further information once we have finished analysing the details published in the government consultation (<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>) but in the meantime you may be interested in following article posted this week on wilmslow.co.uk. Here is the main body of the article:

“All local schools are set to lose out under the government’s new formula for funding which aims to introduce a more fair system.

The government is proposing to introduce a National Funding Formula in 2018-19, a year later than the original implementation date, which is designed to deliver a transparent funding system where the amount of funding children attract for their schools is based on need and is consistent across the country.

However, the new system will result in a cut in budget for every primary school in Wilmslow as well as those in Handforth, Styal, Alderley Edge, Nether Alderley, Chelford, Mobberley and Mottram St Andrew, as well as Wilmslow High School.

In total the schools in these areas would be £1,457,000 worse off if the government introduced the proposed National Funding Formula, whilst Wilmslow High School would see its budget slashed by £190,000.

James Pullé, Headteacher at Wilmslow High School, said “Given that we were already the 6th lowest funded Local Authority area in England it still seems unbelievable that the funding provided to Cheshire East should actually be reduced by the proposed National Funding Formula.

“As has been said by others, if the proposed National Funding Formula is implemented alongside the unfunded increases in employer costs that are already scheduled then, according to the recent National Audit Office calculations, schools in Cheshire East will have to make savings of over 10% on their current budgets.

“Although Wilmslow High School has an excellent track record of developing additional funding streams and finding efficiency savings through careful management of our resources, over the next few years we will have to make some very difficult choices if the proposed National Funding Formula is not changed.”

Cheshire East headteachers intend to develop a coordinated response to the proposed National Funding Formula and we will be meeting to start this process shortly.

In the meantime a delegation of ten people from Cheshire East schools, the local authority and MPs met with the Minister for Schools Nick Gibb on Monday, 9th January, to discuss the recent proposals from the National Funding Formula.”

To read the wilmslow.co.uk or Wilmslow Guardian article in full, click on the links below:

<http://tinyurl.com/hf2emdk>

<http://tinyurl.com/hbny7zq>

Year 9: Key Stage 4 Course Choices

This term, Year 9 will make their course choices for Key Stage 4. The timeline for events and submissions for the course choice process is below.

Key Stage 4 Course Choices Timetable

Monday 16th January - Friday 20th January 2017	Launch of KS4 Course Choice process: Sequence of assemblies for Year 9 students from each House. KS4 Course Choice booklet issued to students.
Thursday 2nd February 2017 6.00 - 8.00pm	KS4 Course Choices Evening: Market place format in various locations around school: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Curriculum Teams offering courses in course choice columns• Careers advice drop-in opportunity Staff will be available to discuss whether the courses they offer will suit your child. Students should accompany parents in full school uniform.
Thursday 16th February 2017	Year 9 Parents' Evening: Opportunity to discuss progress in those subjects presently studied and gain further advice regarding which courses to study in Years 10 and 11.
Friday 17th February 2017	Deadline for submission of Initial Course Choices: We will use the information submitted through Firefly to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• provide additional advice and guidance to students regarding the suitability of their initial course choices;• determine whether there should be any change to course availability
Friday 17th March 2017	Final Course Choice form issued to students
Friday 24 th March 2017	Deadline for return of Final Course Choices form to tutors
Summer term	Confirmation of Course Choice letter issued to students

USEFUL LINKS

- Extra-curricular activities: <http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/curriculum/xtra-curricular-programmes/>
- Previous issues of High Notes: <http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/?p=2239>
- Letters sent from school: <http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/?p=2043>
- Stronger Families leaflet: <http://tinyurl.com/hl53ovm>
- Examination timetable: <http://tinyurl.com/jsh2qkn>



Lost property

During the Autumn term a large number of items were handed into Student Services but not claimed. If your son or daughter lost an item last term, for next week only, all current lost property will be available to view in store 5 (PE technician base).

From Monday 23rd January, all lost property will be handed in to the Student Services office. If the item is labelled with a name, it will be returned to the student. At the end of every day, all items of clothing or large pieces of equipment that are not named will be moved to the new lost property store located outside the entrance to the gymnasium (opposite the boys' PE changing rooms). Students will be able to check if their lost item is in the store once a day during

break time (10.45am – 11.00am). If items of clothing are not collected within 3 weeks they will be donated to the second hand uniform shop or Student Services. If parents/carers have any questions regarding lost property, the email contact is lostproperty@wilmslowhigh.com

Please note that the school does not take any responsibility for items lost on the school premises. The school also does not take responsibility for items left unattended or stored in classrooms.

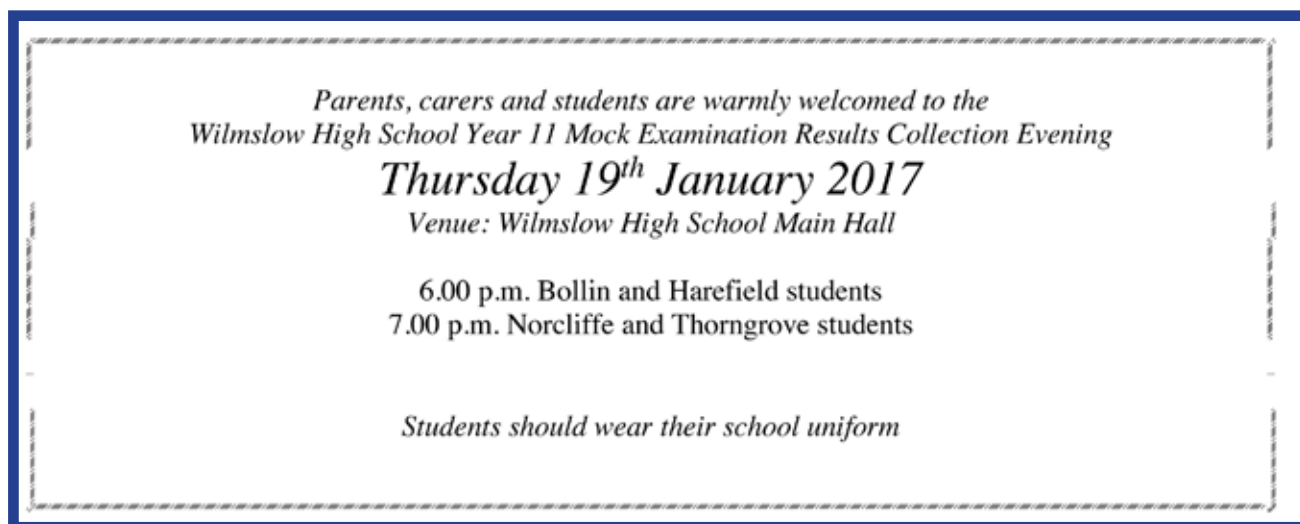
If your son or daughter loses any items at school, he/she should do the following:

- Retrace his/her steps to see if the item can be found
- Inform a member of staff in the area it may have been lost in e.g. class teacher or a member of staff on duty
- Check with other students to see if anyone can help locate the item or in case a friend has picked it up by mistake e.g. PE kit in the lesson
- Check at the Student Services office on the day the item was mislaid
- Visit the lost property store the next day at break time to look for the lost item
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If you would like to purchase any second-hand uniform, the PTA run shop is open in High Options every Tuesday afternoon at 1.30pm.

Examination Preparation Information for Year 11

Year 11 parents should have received a letter this week inviting you to our Year 11 Mock Examination Results Collection Evening and containing information about the support available to Year 11 students.



A copy of the letter can be found at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/j9vu3ya>

Our Year 11 students were welcomed back to school this week with the following assembly:
<http://tinyurl.com/zpam8os>

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 19th January.

Biscuit tins and sweet tubs needed!

Happy New Year to you all!

If you have any chocolate tubs, biscuit tins or Christmas pudding bowls left over from the Christmas festivities, please bring them down to the food technology office. We'll happily make use of them for those students needing a tin or tub to get their culinary creations back home safely.

Many thanks in advance,
Miss Speed & the food tech team





What have the Romans ever done for us....?

This was the question posed by Mrs Birchill recently to her Year 7 history class, 7TEB as they were given the opportunity to show their creative skills. Challenged to produce something which showed the legacy of the Romans, the students responded with enthusiasm, producing some fantastic and inventive pieces of work.

Most popular amongst the items made were Roman cakes, adorned with various items such as vegetables (chiefly peas and carrots); cats;

Latin; Roman numerals; aqueducts; roads; pillars and arches, to name just a few. Many students chose to make models or to display their ideas on wine bottles (empty of course!); shields; coins or in booklets, with one individual producing an estate agent's leaflet. Needless to say, anachronisms were discussed! The standard of mosaics produced was particularly impressive.

A big thank you to all the students for putting so much effort into their work and sharing their hidden talents with each other.

Mrs H Birchill



SPORT

Fixtures week commencing 14th January 2017

DAY	DATE	OPPONENTS	1ST	2ND	3RD/U16	U15	U14	U13	U12	SPORT
SAT	14-Jan-17	MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL	H		A	A	H	AA	HH	FOOTBALL
MON	19-Jan-17	CHS							H	BOYS HOCKEY
WED	18-Jan-17	HARTFORD HIGH						HH	HH	NETBALL
WED	18-Jan-17	HARTFORD			H					GIRLS HOCKEY
WED	18-Jan-17	MAGHULL HIGH SCHOOL	A							FOOTBALL
WED	18-Jan-17	ALDERLEY EDGE	H							NETBALL
THU	19-Jan-17	THE GRANGE SCHOOL						A		FOOTBALL
SAT	21-Jan-17	CHEADLE HULME (split fixture) @ Home and Away	x	x	x		x	x	x	GIRLS HOCKEY
SAT	21-Jan-17	KINGS MACCLESFIELD (FRIENDLY)	H		H	H		HH	HH	NETBALL
SAT	21-Jan-17	WIRRAL GRAMMAR					A			NETBALL
SAT	21-Jan-17	ST MARGARETS ACADEMY	H		A	H	A	H	A	FOOTBALL

CALENDAR

Week commencing 16th January 2017

Day/date	Time	Venue	Activity
Monday 16th January	All week		Year 12 and 13 practical exams
Wednesday 18th January	6.00am-9.30pm	The Victoria Centre, Biddulph	Rotary club's 'Youth Speaks' competition
Thursday 19th January	9.00am-4.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm	Knutsford Main Hall and High Options	Year 9 ICT 'Girls Allowed' at Barclays Year 11 Mock Exams Results Evening
Friday 20th January	3.30pm	Slaidburn	Year 13 Philosophy Retreat departs
Saturday 21st January		Slaidburn	Year 13 Philosophy Retreat - YHA
Sunday 22nd January		Slaidburn	Year 13 Philosophy Retreat returns

Week commencing 23rd January 2017

Day/date	Time	Venue	Activity
Monday 23rd January	6.00pm	The Lowry	Year 9 English visit to see 'Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time'
Tuesday 24th January	5.00pm-8.30pm	Urmston Grammar School	Year 10 ESU Churchill National Public Speaking competition (Manchester branch final)
Thursday 26th January	5.00pm-8.00pm	Various	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Saturday 28th January	9.00am-5.00pm	Manchester High School for Girls	Model United Nations Conference
Sunday 29th January	9.00am-5.00pm TBC All day	Manchester High School for Girls London Alderley Edge	Model United Nations Conference Year 12 Law visit departs Camps International walk



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