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To Parents/Guardians/Carers of All Angley Students

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers

SIXTH FORM RECRUITMENT

The Sixth Form at Angley School is growing and the current students have had many opportunities to show what good ambassadors they are for the school. The new, smarter uniform for Year 12's is proving successful and our young people are taking responsibility for their learning to help them prepare for the world of University and Work.

This year at Angley School we hope to collaborate with West Kent College to offer even more exciting courses for our students to follow whilst continuing to offer a range of subjects on-site and the opportunity to study one subject at Cranbrook School [subject to achieving the right grades].

Come along on Thursday 19 November between 6 and 8pm to find out more about what Angley Sixth form can offer you. A key note talk will be at 6pm followed by tutorials to investigate the different subjects on offer, some of which will be unfamiliar to you.

If you have any queries about Angley Sixth Form then please contact Mrs Evans, Learning Leader for the Sixth Form - evanst@angley.kent.sch.uk

BOOK AMNESTY

Over the last few years a growing number of books have gone missing from the Learning Resources Centre. The level of loss in financial terms is probably in the region of £2,000 - the loss to students is immeasurable. At Angley we encourage reading for pleasure and it is very frustrating when we find that books are missing from shelves. This discourages students who do not have access to public libraries or book shops from reading. In order to recover some of these books, we are proposing to hold a Book Amnesty. Please could you check your homes and return any books you find to the school. They can be dropped into boxes placed in Reception and in the Learning Resources Centre.

If you have any school text books that are now longer required please could you return these too. Thank you for your co-operation.

CRANBROOK SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

Some parents of children in Year 8 may be considering registering for the Cranbrook Entrance test. These arrangements are made directly with Cranbrook School. However, in the paperwork from Cranbrook School, special access arrangements are discussed. If your child receives extra help in class as part of normal day to day practice he/she may be allowed to apply for special consideration for the Cranbrook test, including up to 25% extra time. Applications for this need should be made to Angley School and then the Head Teacher and AEN Co-ordinator at Cranbrook will decide on the appropriate arrangements.

If you would like to discuss this further please contact Mrs Gillies at Angley School.

MY MATHS

My Maths is an online resource for all ages to help revise Mathematics for all ages. Some teachers may set homework occasionally from the site but it can best be used by students at home or in the local library to boost their grades. Whether your child wishes to improve their level at KS3, their grade at GCSE or at A level, *My Maths* has revision packs which tackle key concepts and give guidance on how to answer multistage problems together with exam style questions to answer. All students have been given login details by their Maths teacher, which are stuck into their planner. Why not take a look and see what is available?

If you have any queries about My Maths then please contact Mrs Collins by phone at the school or e-mail on collinsce@angley.kent.sch.uk

NON UNIFORM DAY - FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER

To mark Anti-Bullying Week we will be holding a Non Uniform Day on Friday 20 November when students are asked to dress in blue clothing. The School Council will be holding a raffle and cake sale on the day and anti-bullying wristbands will be on sale for £1 each.

PARENT VOICE

This academic year has seen the re-launch of a PTA [Parent Teacher Association] at Angley School. Sincere thanks to those Mums and Dads who have already come along to support. One of the first changes has been to adopt the name of 'Friends of Angley', so that we do not exclude others from participating.

Over the last few months, the school has responded to a number of issues, most notably, school uniform, the marking of students' work, and behaviour. As many of you will be aware, a new, smarter uniform was introduced in September [details are included in this publication], which has been widely adopted throughout the school. Year 10 is piloting a 'Card' system, to help staff to monitor their uniform and behaviour. In addition, teachers and associate staff are working hard to embed a 'Climate for Learning' in all classrooms, to encourage positive behaviour. The school's Marking Policy is currently being revised in order to produce a more standardised and informative approach to marking throughout the school.

If you would like to come along to check out the 'Friends of Angley', please contact Mrs McGregor at school on ext 361, or email: mgregora@angley.kent.sch.uk

STAFF CHANGES

Sadly we will be saying farewell to two much loved and long serving members of staff at the end of December. Mrs McAndrew, who has been unwell for some time, has been a dedicated and devoted Inclusion and Intervention Manager, ensuring the best support and education for many students with special needs. I know there are a lot of parents and young people who have known her caring and diligent approach to providing the right advice and guidance to enable all our students to feel they had a place at Angley. I am sure we will all want to wish her every happiness in the future.

Mrs Hall, Vice Principal, has been a student and then a loyal, hardworking teacher at Angley for a number of years. More recently she has been a senior member of staff in her current role. She has been a great teacher of Maths but also of other subjects and has got to know many students and parents over the years. Many will have benefitted from Mrs Hall's wide experience and understanding of what education can do for young people. She always gets the best out of students; whether it is getting them through exams, planning the Year 11 Prom or joining in with them at school events. By example and through her leadership Mrs Hall has made a fantastic difference to the school. Staff have called upon her knowledge of timetables, curriculum and national policies - I personally have gained a great deal from her calm advice and sound judgement.

Mrs Hall will be going on to work for a major educational company, acting as an advisor to schools in using results and data to help them support learning and teaching. It is an ideal job for her and will provide a really special opportunity which will take her career in a new direction. It goes without saying that we will miss her very much indeed and Capita's gain is our great loss. We wish her every success and happiness next year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P J Morris', followed by a comma.

P J Morris
Principal

ANGLEY UNIFORM

We knew to expect Year 7 students wearing the new Angley colours, blazer and badge. We were not anticipating older students sporting the new blazer straight away, but how wrong we were! What's more, they look fantastic! The new appearance has brought many positive comments from parents, the community, staff, and indeed students themselves. As with any new uniform, there is always a period where there is an overlap between the old and the new. It is very straight forward, but I would just like to clarify so that everyone gets it right!

- **YEAR 7 may only wear the new uniform:**
 - Black Blazer with School Badge
[Compulsory and must be worn at all times]
 - School V-Neck Jumper *[with new logo]*
 - White Shirt
 - New Blue/Green School Tie
 - Black School Trousers
 - Black School Skirt *[no shorter than 10cms above the knee]*
 - Black Tights or Socks
 - Black School Shoes

- **ALL OTHER YEARS may wear the new uniform, but it must be worn in full [including the blazer]** with the exception of Year 11 who need not wear the blazer

- **YEAR 8 AND ABOVE wearing old uniform**
 - Black Angley Sweatshirt or Angley Fleece
 - White Angley Polo Shirt
 - White Shirt and Tie
 - Black School Trousers
 - Black School Skirt *[no shorter than 10cms above the knee]*
 - Black Tights or Socks
 - Black School Shoes

- **YEAR 11 ONLY**

We appreciate that parents may not wish to go to the expense of purchasing the complete new uniform, should youngsters outgrow their old uniform during their final year of having to wear school clothes. For this reason, we have made some allowances. These are not to be interpreted as home clothes! Year 11 students may wear

 - Angley or Plain White Polo Shirt
 - White Shirt and School Tie
 - Angley Sweatshirt, Angley Fleece, Angley V-Neck Jumper or **Plain Black V-Neck Jumper**
 - Black School Trousers
 - Black School Skirt *[no shorter than 10cms above the knee]*
 - Black Tights or Socks
 - Black School Shoes

Please remember that hoodies are not to be worn - there are plenty of alternatives above! Thank you for your support.

A McGregor [Mrs]
Assistant Principal