



**Key Events**

- 25 March:** Start of Work Experience
- 15 April:** Start of Summer Term (Week 1)
- 15 May:** Year 10 Parents' Evening
- End of June-Beg of July:** Year 10 Assessments

**Message from the Year Team**

As I write this letter, most Year 10 pupils are completing their Work Experience. I would like to thank Mr Davis in finding so many placements for those who struggled to get them. Pupils also have had several sessions of SMSC lessons to get prepared for it. Most recently, they looked at employability skills and the session with Tim gave them a good insight on what employers will expect from them. We are looking forward to hearing all about it when they return after the Easter break.

The boys' basketball team has played against Brookfield in the Gold final and the girls' volleyball team won against Swanmore College in the County Cup.

This term has also seen the launch of the school House system. Points get added with merits, competitions, attendance and weekly quizzes to give out points to each House. Currently, Portsdown House is in the lead, followed by Castle then Solent. The points difference is minimal, so everything is possible until the final results at the end of the school year! Do encourage your child to get involved.

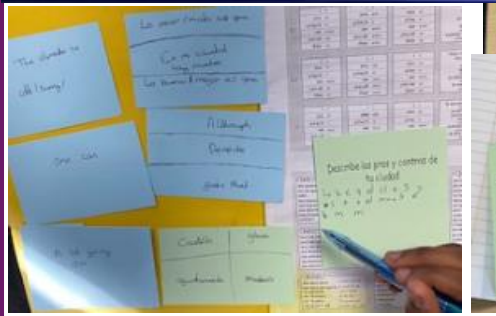
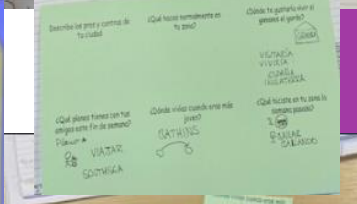
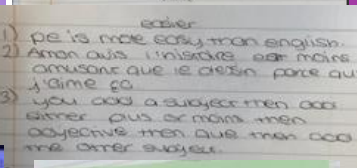
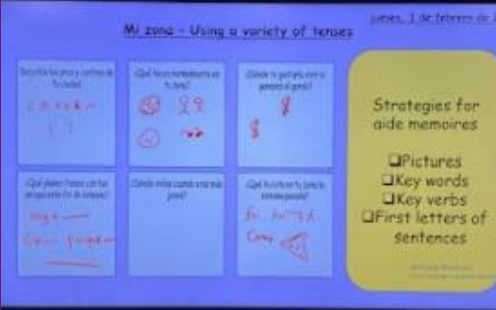
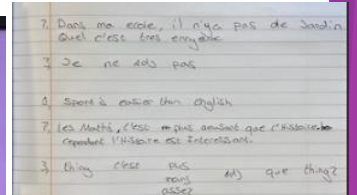
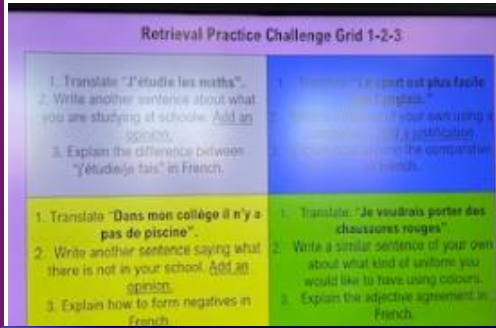
I have continued my visits to lessons this half term and this time, I looked at MFL. Both in French and Spanish, pupils have been working on their retrieval practice and revision techniques. Please do have a look at the pictures to see what they have used, as those skills will be invaluable in all of their subjects, especially moving towards the Year 10 assessment weeks at the end of June.

With the lead up to the Easter break, some pupils have received the Good Egg Award from Mr Davis and myself as well as their tutors. To receive it, pupils had to display our school values, Successful – Confident – Responsible.

Finally, Mr Davis and I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter.

Mrs C Lanham

**Examples of retrieval practice and revisions in MFL**



**Attendance**

As a year group, the overall attendance this year was 90.15%. Well done **10 LMT** for winning the attendance trophy this term! Collectively, their attendance is **94.67%**.

I have already mentioned in a previous newsletter, pupils who attend school regularly do achieve better grades! This will be even more important when they complete their Year 10 assessments towards the end of June – beginning of July

**"Every Day, Every Lesson Counts!"**

**Merits**

The winning tutor group overall this half term is **10 LCT** with 195 merits on average per pupil.

As a year group, pupils have collected an impressive amount of merits so far this year.

**Online Safety**

Just a quick reminder that, in order to keep your child safe online, all electronic communication between pupils and staff will be via Office365. This will mainly be via email and/or Teams.