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At the same time as launching the new uniform in September 2009, the Governors meeting on 22nd April 2009 discussed the possibility of a new name for Eastbourne Technology College to mark the steady improvement that has been taking place in recent years.

They would like the school to change its name to represent our local area, and drawing from a name with which some of you will already be familiar, we are proposing that we take up the name of Hampden Park Community College. We are consulting with our partners and neighbours to get their reactions, and we would also like to hear from parents about your views on this proposal.

We will still be a Technology College and the Government has just confirmed to us that we have been successful in continuing with our specialism for the next few years, but we want to celebrate the area where most of our students live and to link it with our success.

In September 2009, the new uniform begins for Years 7, 8 and 9. Years 10 and 11 will wear the old uniform. Year 10 will be the last year to wear this as the new uniform will follow the Year 9 students up the school. More information about this is available on the website.

This term has begun, as promised in the newsletter before Easter, with a push to ensure that all students are wearing the correct uniform. I am grateful to the vast majority of parents who have sent their children into school in the correct uniform. Those who came in incorrectly dressed were sent home to change and this will continue for all year groups. Some Year 11 students have questioned whether they will be in uniform for the examination period, but I have repeated to them that as last year, students will need to wear their uniform in all their examinations. It is better to get used to that early and not then have the discussion on the morning of an examination. A detailed revision programme has been set up that takes Year 11 students right through the examination period and details will be given to them at the end of the week to come.

On Thursday 7th May, at 7pm, we will be holding our Graduation Ceremony for all Year 11 students who have successfully completed their graduation programme. The ceremony will be held in St Mary's Church, Decoy Drive, and certificates will be presented by the retiring Deputy Mayor. You are very welcome to come and witness the achievements of these students and help them celebrate their success. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Thank you,

Keith Pailthorpe



Modern Foreign Languages Department



MFL WORDS OF THE WEEK.

SPANISH - Week commencing 27th April, 2009



YEAR 8

izquierda
la primera

derecha
la segunda

todo recto
la tercera

tome

siga

YEAR 9

un camping
en tren

a la costa
en autocar

al campo
normalmente

en coche
generalmente

en avión

MFL WORDS OF THE WEEK.

FRENCH - Week commencing 27th April, 2009



YEAR 7

j'aime
intéressant

je n'aime pas
très

pourquoi
assez

parce-que
super

marrant
nul

YEAR 8

un manteau
une robe
des collants

un maillot de bains
un sêrevêtement
une costume

des gants
un pull

un anorak
un sweat

YEAR 9

super
effrayant

formidable
marrant

amusant
drole

ennuyeux
Génial

nul

Examinations Update Functional Skills – Year 9 only

Functional Skills examinations in Mathematics, English and ICT cancelled.

In 2005, the then education secretary, Ruth Kelly, had said it was totally unacceptable that people could obtain a grade C or above in English or maths but be weak in basic literacy and numeracy, echoing a long-standing complaint from employers. She announced that pupils taking GCSE maths and English would have to pass a test in functional skills, such as writing a letter or working out their family budget. Without passing this test they would not be able to gain a grade C in these exams.

That decision has now been overturned. As a result we will no longer be asking our Y9 students to sit their Functional Skills examinations in June of this year prior to starting their GCSE courses. Students in Y10 who are following Diploma courses will still have to sit these examinations as this component is necessary to be awarded a diploma.