



May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well. I am writing today with a few reminders. Whilst it is nice to have such lovely weather recently, please can you ensure that your child is wearing sun screen when they come to school and ensure they re-apply it when needed, especially when outside for PE. Please can you also ensure that your child brings in a water bottle. Students have been late to lessons or trying to leave lessons to get cups of water. This disrupts learning, so we ask that they have plenty of water with them and top up their water bottles at break and lunch time to remain hydrated throughout the day.

I have been very impressed with the students, across all years, who have been doing their exams or assessments to help us track their progress and catch up over the year. Their dedication, commitment and effort to their revision, studies, exams and lessons has been great. It is also nice to see so many students attending extra-curricular activities again. The online catch up lessons have really made a difference in Y11 to student confidence and progress, especially in Maths. Online tuition sessions in English and Maths are now involving Y9 and some Y10 students to help raise progress and reduce issues from the loss in learning caused by the pandemic. If your child has been offered this opportunity, we ask you please to ensure they attend each session as we are investing heavily in them.

I am also pleased with the improved standards in uniform and seeing the students wear their uniform with pride. I thank you for your support in this matter.

Behaviour outside of the school gates has improved across the year, but we are seeing some incidents with road safety with students both walking and on bikes. Recently a student was hit by a vehicle on their way to school and they were lucky not to be seriously hurt. Please can parents ensure that they discuss this with their child so that they are sensible on their way to and from school, upholding the 3 Guiding Principles and acting safely on the roads.

We have one remaining non-uniform day this year to help raise further funds for our link charities. We thank you for your continual support and your donation of £1 for the opportunity to not wear school uniform for the day.

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6	1st July 2022	House charities
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We have the following Parents' Evenings on the horizon. These are important for you to attend in order to support your child's development and journey, to celebrate the things going well and discuss the next steps that can be taken to progress further.

- Year 7 Parents Evening 19th May – virtual.
- Year 10 Parents Evening 13th July – we are hoping to trial this as a return to face to face meetings.

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New School Day

Now that there are less COVID regulations and restrictions, we are in the process of changing the school day to enhance the learning opportunities for the students. More details will follow on this later this academic year, but we wanted to give you as much notice as possible on the main start and finish time. The school day will remain starting at 8:40am and will now finish at 3:15pm for all students from September 2022.

I thank you for your on-going support.

Kind regards

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