

7th June 2023



Dear Parents

I hope you enjoyed your half term break, the wonderful weather was definitely very welcome.

Term 6 is always a busy term. Year 11 and 13 students are over half way through their exams and in just two weeks they will be finished. In addition, all staff will be busy planning for next academic year. As we continue to grow as a school, we have recruited some excellent new teachers and I will introduce these in our final newsletter of the year.

Hot Weather

This week the weather is finally warm and sunny! Please encourage your child to bring sun cream into school, together with a hat and, as always, a water bottle to fill at the water stations.

As requested by the School Council two years ago, all students are welcome to wear blue tailored school shorts. There are currently a number of students wearing skirts which are too short. From Monday, 12th June they will be asked to wear shorts if their skirts are still too short. The school blazer is normally compulsory, but when the weather is very hot students will not be required to wear their blazer in school. We are lucky to have a school building which does not get too hot though so your child may well want to continue wearing their blazer. Hoodies will not be acceptable and will be required to be removed. Shirts should remain tucked in so that students are smart and in a mindset ready to learn.

Parent and Student Surveys

Earlier in the year all staff, students and parents were invited to take part in our annual Trust survey. The results across the three secondary schools were very similar, but I have identified a few areas for us to address next academic year including:

1. Curriculum information – although all the information about what your child is learning is available on the website, we will ensure this is easier to access in September
2. A small proportion of students said they did not have an adult to go to if they were worried. This will be part of our September tutor programme to encourage every child to have a 'trusted adult'

Activities Week

This is always a highlight of the year when students in all years will join in a celebration of the year. All visits are booked and going ahead, so please do pay any balances as soon as possible so final arrangements can be made.

Phones and Bags

This time last year we were consulting with you about making the school a phone free environment. In September, we launched Yondr pouches which has been very successful. We will be continuing this next year with one small change. This year if a student does not have a phone they have not needed to have their Yondr pouch with them. From September, students will need to bring their pouch into school even if they do not have a phone with them. Pouches and phones will be checked twice a week and as such all students must have their phones and pouches with them in their bag. For a small number of students who do not bring bags to school it will be essential to do this as well.

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Art Exhibition and Prize Giving

I am always impressed to see the talented work taking place in the Art studios. Our Art exhibition is open to all parents and I am sure your child would like to show you their work and the work of other students. The Art Exhibition is on Tuesday, 11th July at 5:00pm. Prize Giving is on the same evening and you will receive an email the week before if your child has been nominated for a prize, so please do keep the date free.

Term 6 Dates

w/c 12th June 2023	Year 12 Work Experience Week
w/c 19th June 2023	Years 9, 10 & 12 Assessments
w/c 19th June 2023	DofE Gold Expedition
20th June 2023	Year 12 Music Performance
21st June 2023	Year 7 Parents' Evening
26th June 2023	Year 5 Day
29th June 2023	Sixth Form Taster Day
30th June 2023	Year 11 Prom
3rd July 2023	Extended Learning Day Year 5 Day KS2 and Sixth Form Open Evening
5th July 2023	Year 6 Induction Day and Induction Evening
11th July 2023	Art Exhibition & Prize Giving Evening
w/c 17th July 2023	Activities Week
21st July 2023	Close of Term 6

Yours sincerely



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