

# **Dear Parents**

I hope you enjoyed your half term break, no doubt it already feels like a distant memory.

This term is a busy one and I am very pleased that this year we are able to do all the normal events for Term 6. 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.

#### **Activities Week**

All visits are booked and going ahead so please do pay any balances as soon as possible so final arrangements can be made. Thank you to all parents who attended the Isle of Wight briefing last Thursday, it was lovely to see so many of you and I am sure it will be a tremendous experience!

## Hot weather

This week the weather is finally warm and sunny! The school blazer is normally compulsory, but when the weather is very hot students will be informed by their tutor that they do not need to wear their blazer. Please encourage your child to bring suncream into school, together with a hat and, as always, a water bottle to fill at the water stations.

#### **Pens**

There is a small but significant number of students who seem to need your support in coming to school prepared to learn. Could I ask all parents to ensure your child is coming to school with the basic equipment they need to write with.

## **Phones**

You will remember we recently sent a survey out regarding the use of phones in school. This survey showed that parents would prefer that, to support the wellbeing of all children, use of phones is restricted in school. The staff survey shared your views so I am pleased to inform you that we are making plans to become a phone free school. Your child will always be able to contact you though, should they want or need to, via Student Services.

The solution we have chosen is a lockable pouch service provided by Yondr. The Trafalgar School has been piloting this for the last two years and it has been so successful that the other Trust secondary schools, ourselves and Wyvern St Edmunds are now going to follow. There will be another letter with full details, in the next couple of weeks, but I would like to invite you to an online meeting where you can hear from the Headteacher, Mr Curtis and some parents from The Trafalgar School. The meeting is on **Tuesday**, 5<sup>th</sup> **July at 6:00pm** and you need to click this link to join via zoom.

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87653835312?pwd=L29mRjZBQWo2dWdOYTlyQVBqM05sQT09

#### **Fostering**

This June the Wiltshire Council fostering team is putting the spotlight on the Salisbury area and asking people to consider fostering to provide more children in care in the area with a home. The fostering team is putting up posters in the town, sharing leaflets and will be available to chat at

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Salisbury Charter Market, Salisbury Market Place on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June from 9:00am to 2:00pm and on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June from 9:00am to 2:00pm. The team will also be at The Market Place, Guildhall Square Salisbury on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> June from 10:00am – 4:00pm to answer questions for all stages of enquiry – from people who just want to know more to those that are seriously considering fostering.

For those unable to visit these events there will also be an online information session on 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00pm on this link <a href="https://bit.ly/3KOba5b">https://bit.ly/3KOba5b</a> Please be aware you will need to have downloaded the Microsoft Teams App to join the online meeting.

The team has also put together a very short film on fostering for Wiltshire Council which you can watch here <a href="https://youtu.be/zeqbuKunWel">https://youtu.be/zeqbuKunWel</a>

### Term 6 dates

w/c 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Year 12 Work Experience Week
17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Year 9 Vaccinations – DTP/MenACWY
23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 Parents Evening - Years 7 & 8 only
1NSET Day – no students in school
w/c 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Mock Exams – Years 9, 10 & 12

30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Sixth Form Taster day

4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Extended Learning day

Year 5 day

KS2 Open Evening

5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Year 5 day

6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Year 6 Induction day and Induction evening

7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Big Speak Final 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Year 11 Prom

w/c 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 DofE Gold Expedition

11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Sports Day

12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Art Exhibition & Prize Giving Evening

15<sup>th</sup> July 2022 The Big Walk w/c 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Activities Week 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 Close of Term 6

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Moore Headteacher