

30 March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the spring term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 11 pupils on the positive way they completed the recent mock exams. The year group continue to be a credit to us with their work ethic and ability to overcome obstacles in what has been a very turbulent few years for them at a crucial time of their education. Mr Hosfield will write to parents and pupils at the start of next term with details of the arrangements for the examination period and celebration events.

Catering

We have been working hard over the last year with our catering partners Chartwells, to continue to improve the food offer to pupils. Please find attached a letter from Chartwells outlining some of the improvements that have been introduced, largely thanks to the pupil ambassadors and their involvement providing feedback.

Chartwells organised this month for a nutritionist to speak with all pupils registered with a dietary requirement to help them to make safe choices when purchasing food and drink from the canteen. If any parents/carers were unable to make the event but wish to speak with the nutritionist, please do contact the school office.

The summer term menus will be shared on our website in the next few weeks, including the details of the 'Specials Days'. There have been sampling events for groups of pupils taking place this week and more are scheduled for after Ramadan.

Ramadan

Ramadan will soon be observed by many within our school and local community and is an extremely important time in the calendar. Please note we have prayer room facilities available to pupils at lunchtime throughout the year. If pupils are unsure where these spaces are, please see the posters around school or speak with Miss Webster, Acting Head of House (Shire). Please also be aware that we encourage pupils who are entitled to free school meals to purchase a sandwich and drink to take home in order for them to not miss out on their entitlement.

As One - Neighbourhood initiative

If you visit school, you will see a banner on our front gate encouraging our community to "Fill your street with friendliness". This obviously fits very well with our values at school and we are proud to be part of the initiative. For more details please visit https://as-one.uk/.

Key dates

Friday 8 April: Break up at 12.05 pm. Normal lessons up to and including Period 3. Pupils should be in full school uniform for the day.

Monday 25 April: Return to school at the normal time of 8.40 am

Monday 2 May: Bank holiday – School closed Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June: Half Term Friday 24 June: Inset Day – School closed to pupils

Thursday 21 July: Term Ends

Our half termly newsletter will be published next week and I urge you to keep an eye out for it as it will yet again be packed full of good news stories celebrating the wonderful work of our pupils and staff. In the meantime, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and a safe and enjoyable break.

Yours faithfully

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