

20 June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 exams

The formal exam season will draw to a close over the next week. Well done to our Year 11s for continuing to be focused and ready for each exam. Support continues to be in place, including a free breakfast, in the canteen before school as well as targeted revision sessions throughout the week. Year 11s have received communication regarding the revision timetable. They should continue to ensure they attend in full school uniform for all exams.

Mobile Phones & Social Media

A large amount of the work our pastoral team deal with is linked to pupils using mobile phones and social media inappropriately outside of school. Mr Rodriguez recently sent out a letter helping parents/carers to understand what can be done to help children make safe choices and to reduce the issues that spill over into school from social media. The letter can be found <u>here</u> dated 17/5/2022. We will continue to do everything we can to educate pupils through our PSHE curriculum on making the right choices but urge parents/carers to support us in this by referring to the strategies in the <u>letter</u>.

Uniform

As we begin to near the end of the school year, may I take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of our school dress code. You will remember that over the last 12 months we have been phasing out the navy and black trousers/skirts and blue shirts. Please note that whilst there was a 'grace period' of this academic year for Years 8-11, the expectation is that all pupils are dressed according to the <u>Dress Code</u> from September in dark grey trousers/skirts and white shirts.

Please also note it is important that your child is in black school shoes and not black trainers. Many companies now try and exploit pupils wanting to wear trainers and try to make black trainers look as much like shoes as they can. Please note, as per our Dress Code, pupils must be in black shoes, and not black trainers. If families need any support with purchasing uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Rewards

This half term has seen the launch of an exciting new rewards system. Pupils can use the rewards they earn through obtaining praises on Classcharts to obtain rewards. The most popular rewards chosen so far are the postcards and phone calls home which just goes to show how important recognition and validation is to our pupils! The new rewards system will continue to be shaped as we head into the new school year with pupil feedback being an important part of this development.

Calendar and key dates

Our term dates for 2022/23 are now on our website. INSET dates will be confirmed and added over the next week. Please note school is closed to pupils this Friday, 24 June, for our final INSET day of 2021/22.

Friday 24 June: Inset Day – School closed to pupils Tuesday 5 July 4.30 – 6.30 pm: Year 7 Parents' Evening Thursday 21 July: Term Ends at 12.05 pm.

Yours faithfully

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