

Friday 11 September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

With the first half of the autumn term finished, I am pleased with the way the new school term has started. Uniform standards have returned to exceptionally high standards, our extra-curricular programme is now fully re-launched, and the pandemic attendance gap has now been closed. Furthermore, our Head Boy and Girl team along with the House Captains are now in place for the year. Huge congratulations to all those that were successful, but also to those that applied; to put yourself forward shows character and a willingness to take on responsibility. These are personal skills that will stand you in good stead throughout your life.

Performance tables 2022

The results demonstrate not only the hard work of individuals but the impact of our post-pandemic strategy. Throughout last year, Year 11 had extensive intervention and support that included many pupils having a personal mentor, tutoring, and 'period 6' sessions with a view to providing as much bespoke support as we could. This continues in to this academic year for not only the current Year 11 but all other year groups. The 2022 results demonstrate the effectiveness of our plans and we are proud of the way pupils and staff continuously strive for their best.

Anti-bullying week

Monday sees the start of the national Anti-bullying week. Our assemblies next week will focus on this important theme. To raise awareness of its importance, we are encouraging everyone on Monday to participate in 'odd socks day'. Please feel free to wear odd socks, as bright as you like, in addition to full school uniform.

Policies

All of our policies can be found on our <u>website</u> but I would like to draw your attention in particular to some of our recently updated ones: Positive Behaviour Management for Learning, Safeguarding and Child Protection, and Screening, Searching, and Confiscation policies.

Term dates

Please find below the key dates for this half term. A full list of term dates (including staff training days) and the school calendar can be found on our school website.

Term Ends: Friday 16th December 2022 Spring Term Starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Half Term: Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 24th February 2023

Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2023

I will be writing to you again in a few weeks to share our latest development work around our school aims and values. In the meantime, I look forward to meeting more parents and carers at our upcoming Year 11 and 7 parents' evenings.

Yours faithfully

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