



15<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of this half-term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continued support as we work together as a school community. It has been a busy half-term and we look forward to updating you in the parent newsletter.

The new academic year began very well and we want to ensure that we maintain these high standards. Please can I ask that we maintain standards on behaviour for learning, attendance and uniform. Pupils' learning is of paramount importance; therefore, please ensure your child comes to school fully equipped and with completed homework so that unnecessary time is not spent addressing these issues.

Punctuality has certainly improved, but please remind your child that they should be here by 8:20am ready to line up at 8:25am. We continue to provide a free breakfast from 8am. Please also take the time to ensure that uniform is as described in our policy; in particular, coats should be plain blue or black and should not be worn in the building. Hoodies, snoods and ski-masks are not allowed and will be confiscated. If you are experiencing any difficulty in purchasing uniform, please do contact your child's Head of Year so that we can help.

Please see below for upcoming key dates.

- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October: Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4-6pm
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October: cultural dress day
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October: early finish at 1:45pm for pupils who have maintained their merits; Heads of Year will inform pupils who are eligible
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October: INSET day – school closed to all pupils
- 28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November: half-term
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Year 11 Academic Review day – school closed to all pupils. Year 11 parents will be given individual appointment times
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November: Prize Giving, 4-5:30pm
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Founder's Day, annual sponsored walk; we expect pupils to finish from 1:15pm
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November: Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4-6pm
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Pensioners' Christmas Party, early finish for pupils from 2pm; late start on the 6<sup>th</sup> December – 9:30am start
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Carol Concert & Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December: last day of term; students will be dismissed from 12:30pm.

I warmly wish you and your family a restful end of the half-term.

Yours faithfully,

Miss S. Masud  
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