

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy half term, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support.

We have had an extremely successful half-term with the students focused on learning and doing their absolute best every single day. The school has focused on ensuring that every learning experience is effective for all students. We use line-up every morning to emphasise our values, how students are expected to show responsibility for themselves and others and to celebrate success, messages which are also backed up in the weekly year group assemblies.

General Updates

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to Class Charts this is an essential way of making you aware of achievements and behaviour. We will also be using it for homework in the future. Please check your email for login details. Thank you to any of you who have shared feedback on the application. We welcome this to enable us to improve.

Well done to the 18 students who have received more than 80 house points over the term and one student who has received over 100 house points. We will be celebrating these achievements in the new term with the students.

Uniform

We continue to focus on the uniform of students as we believe that it sets the standards and expectations for the day.

As a reminder for KS3 and KS4, students should be wearing either navy blue formal school trousers worn around the waist (use a belt if required)– no chinos or jeans) or formal navy-blue shorts - or a formal navy-blue pleated school skirt worn just above the knee.

Students should not be wearing jewellery except for a small pair of plain studs. If your child has had jewellery confiscated this will be at reception. They will need to bring a signed note in their planner for it to be returned.

Mobile Devices

Following the letter sent to you on Monday, we would like to emphasise the change in policy around mobile devices. The ban on the use of mobile phones has been extended to all electronic devices including smart watches. Smart devices should not be seen or heard whilst onsite. This is to support behaviour, conduct and focus around the school and is an exam regulation which will lead to disqualification in formal examinations.

Key Dates

- Students will return for 8.25 on Monday 31st October 2022
- Thursday 3rd November is sixth form open evening from 4pm-7pm

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- Thursday 8th December Christmas Concert
- Friday 16th December last day of term – Provisional end time 12.20pm

Finally, after a rewarding term we should reflect on the successes: 36,257 house points have been issued this half term; there have been a multitude of sporting fixtures and extra-curricular clubs; there have been 44 trips already this term, which is half of what was completed in all of 2021-22. It was also a real pleasure to meet Year 11 and Year 13 parents back into school for achievement evening. We look forward to welcoming more parents into school over the next term. Save the date of the 8th December for the Christmas Concert.

Enjoy the break and we look forward to welcoming student's back next half term.

Kind Regards

Mark Pain
Headteacher

Yours sincerely



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