



24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

## End of Half Term – May 2024

As the half term draws to a close, I am writing with some important information regarding the remainder of the summer term. School re-opens to all students on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**. I would like to remind parents that students should be at school for **08.25am** at the latest. Lessons begin at 8.30 prompt.

## Attendance update

Attendance at school has been excellent and I would like to thank parents for their support in helping to ensure such excellent standards of attendance.

## Year 11 and 13 Exams

GCSE and A Level examinations are well underway. Students have conducted themselves in an exemplary manner during the process and deserve enormous credit for the mature way they have approached all aspects – from revision and preparation, attendance at booster sessions and during the exams. I would like to thank parents for their efforts in supporting their children so effectively at this important stage of their education.

Soon enough, examinations will be over and a well-deserved summer break awaits for our Year 11 and 13 students. A reminder that results days this summer are as follows:

- A Level – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024
- GCSE - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024

## Uniform and equipment expectations

Our students look incredibly smart in their uniform. Exemplary standards of appearance and dress support our commitment to excellence. All students are expected to adhere to the uniform and equipment policy at all times. Details of our school uniform policy can be found on the school website [here](#). Uniform – including a wide range of PE kit - can be purchased directly from our suppliers, [Gogna](#) and [Just School Wear](#). In addition to school uniform, please ensure that your child has the correct equipment and materials. They need the following:

- Pencil case including standard stationery equipment: 2 x black pens, green pen, pencil, eraser, ruler, highlighter pen, glue stick, non-permanent marker pen (for use with mini-whiteboards – provided by school).
- A suitable bag, large enough to hold all the equipment plus PE kit.
- A reading book for tutor time and DEAR sessions.
- Water bottle – students have access to chilled, filtered water dispensers.

## Mobile Phones

I would like to remind parents and students that our school is a phone free environment. Students should not have phones in their pockets. Where parents wish for a student to travel to and from school with a phone, it should be switched off and in their bag before entering the school site.

## Warm Weather Uniform Arrangements

As we enter the time of year where temperatures increase, we make some modifications to our uniform at this time. These changes, along with reminders about how to stay comfortable during periods of warm weather, are below. From **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**:

- Students do not need to wear their blazer in lessons, but should ensure this is brought to school.
- Black socks can be worn instead of tights.
- Students should bring a reusable water bottle and drink lots of water. Water fountains across school are available throughout the day, dispensing chilled, filtered water.
- The sports field will be open at lunchtime but students will be encouraged to use shaded areas on days where the weather is very warm.

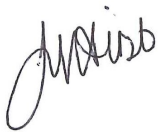
## Dates for your diary:

- 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Year 6 Open Evening
- 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Year 11 Prom
- 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Year 13 Prom
- 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Excellence Awards
- 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Year 6 transition week

Many more events and important dates are shown on our school calendar on the website [here](#).

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. Extending very best wishes to you all for a peaceful half term break.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher