

12th May 2023

End of term update letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach our two-week break, I thought I would take this opportunity to share some of our successes from the past term.

Year 11 students have completed their Spanish speaking GCSE exam this term, and all students continue to work incredibly hard as we head into the examination period. We are already incredibly proud of them and have no doubt they will continue to work hard and do their best throughout as they have shown a fantastic work ethic. As Year 11 and 13 students enter the exam period, I am sure you will join us in wishing them the best of luck. We have added a post to our Facebook page so please feel free to leave a comment of support for these students and their families.

Term 4 has been a highly productive term in which students have had the opportunity to take part in a number of trips and activities. Year 7 students attended an insightful presentation on the dangers of alcohol. Year 9 took part in a fantastic multi agency workshop with attendees from the Police, Youth Offending Service, magistrates and Engage and Year 10 had the opportunity to complete a Graffiti Art workshop arranged by our Careers lead, Mrs Stevens. Year 12 and 13 students have taken part in workshops with the University of Leicester and have taken part in lectures on effective exam revision and road safety.

Year 11 students have attended subject conferences to support their revision prior to GCSE examinations and they are very excited about their Prom at the end of June which will be a chance to celebrate their time here together. Final arrangements regarding the prom will be sent to year 11 parents/carers early next term.

Our students are always keen to enter into local competitions, and recently, have taken part in the County Schools Challenge – run by the local police. A group of our students (working with Miss Moore) will now complete against other schools in the county, this year's theme is fire prevention.

Over the past term we have also relished the opportunity to welcome parents and carers into the school for Insight Evenings, and Now and Next evenings. It has been wonderful to see students sharing their work, and to be able to offer more information about the day-to-day life of the school. Thank you for all those of you who have attended.

During Term 5 our students will be completing the following work in their PSHE lessons:

- Year 7 - Adolescence and puberty
- Year 8 - Drugs and their associated risks
- Year 9 - Sexualised behaviour and contraception
- Year 10 - Personal behaviour and safety

I would like to thank all our parents for their support over this term. On the reverse side of this letter, you will find other useful information and key dates for this academic year. We wish all students a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming them back next term.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Reynolds
Principal

KEY INFORMATION AND REMINDERS:

Equipment:

Students will need to ensure that they start the new term with their own personal stationery:

- scientific calculator (we recommend the **Casio fx-83GT**). This should be named.
- 2 black pens
- Pencil
- Rubber
- green pen (biro)
- glue stick

The school will provide any other stationery, but it remains the responsibility of each student to be fully prepared for lessons with this basic set of equipment.

Year 11 and Year 13

Students in Year 11 and 13 will begin exams on Monday 15th May 2023. Detailed information has been sent out to parents and this information can also be found on our website. Students who are sitting exams during the holidays will receive a complimentary breakfast and lunch. School will be open from 8.00am until 4.00pm should students wish to use the school as a quiet space to study.

School uniform

May I take this opportunity to thank parents/carers for ensuring that your child comes into school in full school uniform and appropriate sports kit. Our website contains useful information regarding uniform expectations for all students. Students are expected to wear black shoes to school. Students are not permitted to wear trainers to school.

Wisepay:

Please can you ensure that your child has sufficient funds on their card to pay for school meals for the beginning of the new school term. This is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that regular payments are made through Wisepay. We regret that we cannot authorise any form of overdraft on a student's account. We have a cash payment machine in school that students can deposit funds in to as well as a balance checker that students can use to check their own accounts.

Bank Holiday:

School will be closed on Monday 29th May for Spring Bank Holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday 30th May 2023.