

13th October 2022

October Update Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted at how well our new Year 7 and Year 12 students have settled into our school. They have come to us with excellent attitudes towards their studies and are upholding the values of our school well. We hope they have a very restful break.

We held open events for Year 6 students and prospective sixth form students, as well as 'Meet and Great' evening for year 7 parents/carers, a meet the tutor evening for sixth form, and a Sixth Form open event. These events were all well attended, and were a great success. It is always a joy to invite families and members of the local community into our school, and our staff and students relish the opportunity to welcome them in.

Our Sixth Form students have taken part in a number of trips this term including an enrichment trip to Rutland Water where the inflatable assault course was hired as a team building exercise for the students. Year 12 and 13 have also visited the University Fair at the King Power Stadium in Leicester and our Travel and Tourism students recently visited Burghley House. This provided invaluable information towards their marketing elements and coursework.

We have also appointed our Sixth Form leadership team for this academic year, and these are:

Head Students: Kudzaishe and Fraser

Head of Communication: Jonathan (supported by Ianis)

Head of Culture and Diversity: Ianis

Head of Events: Oscar

Miss Muckett (Head of Sixth) was very impressed with the standard of all who applied. The sixth form leadership team will be leading our newly appointed student committees and have already represented the school by giving fantastic speeches at our sixth form open evening this week.

A number of our students cycle to school and as the evenings are drawing in, we would advise students who cycle to and from school to wear high visibility jackets and helmets and would also suggest there are lights on their bicycles to ensure they travel safely.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well for the approaching holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all again on **Monday 30th October 2023** when the school re-opens. On the reverse side of this letter, you will find other useful information for this academic year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Reynolds
Principal

KEY INFORMATION

Collection of students from school:

Please can all parents/carers ensure that they park safely in our front car park at the end of the school day and ensure that they prioritise the safety of students in the car park by waiting patiently for students to cross the car park. We are happy to allow parents to use our car park for collection, but if this use compromises student safety we may have no choice but to close our gates.

Swipe Cards:

It is vital that your child has a swipe card, this records their attendance at school as well as being used to access school printers, for library loans and to pay for meals at break and lunch. Please ensure your child has a swipe card when we return to school after the two-week break, new cards can be ordered via Wisepay if required. Please note that students who do not present a card at mealtimes will be asked to speak with a designated member of staff and only a basic meal will be provided until such time that a new card is issued.

Punctuality:

The school day begins promptly at 8.45am. Our expectation is that students are in their classrooms and ready to engage in their learning by 8.40am. Arriving promptly makes sure that disruption to the learning is avoided, your child feels well prepared for the day, and they don't miss out on the personal development curriculum time. In order to work together with you to support your child in meeting this expectation, we will continue to implement our system of consequences and communication with home for students who arrive late to school.

Uniform:

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform, students must wear black school shoes, trainers are not permitted. Further information regarding our uniform expectations can be found [here](#). Please be reminded that if your child wishes to wear a jumper underneath their blazer, it must be a school branded jumper. These are available from our school uniform provider. However, please also note that it is sufficiently warm in school that a jumper is not required, and it is also possible to wear a plain white top under a shirt if this is your child's preference.

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.

Wisepay:

Please ensure your child has sufficient credit on their account to purchase breakfast and lunch in school. We are unable to contact parents during the school day should your child have insufficient funds.

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings:

Below are details of Parent/Carer Consultation evenings for this school year. Further details will be sent in due course.

- Year 7 - Thursday 28th March 2024
- Year 8 – Thursday 14th March 2024
- Year 9 – Thursday 8th February 2024
- Year 10 - Thursday 11th January 2024
- Year 11 – Thursday 7th December 2023
- Year 12 – Thursday 1st February 2024
- Year 13 – Tuesday 12th December 2023

Staff Training Days:

- Friday 22nd December 2023
- Thursday 4th January 2024
- Friday 28th June 2024 – Trust Curriculum Day
- Wednesday 24th July 2024
- Thursday 25th July 2024