

10th May 2019

MAY UPDATE LETTER 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Term 4 has been a highly productive term. It started with an amazing performance by students in our production of 'High School Musical'. This was the first musical that the school have ever done and it was hugely entertaining and of a very high quality. Thank you to all of the families and friends that supported this event, all proceeds will be put towards the next show.

Students have had the opportunity to take part in a number of trips and activities over this term, Year 13 Physics students took part in a rollercoaster workshop at Thorpe Park to learn more about motion. Tutor time Health and Well Being workshops were held for Year 11 students which were a great success. Year 10 students were involved in food and cookery workshops which included a visit from Royal Navy chefs and a group of Year 8 students were the regional winner of this year's Faraday Challenge.

Next term we look forward to our school residential programme where Year 10 students will be going on our first ever school trip to Barcelona, Year 9 to Germany and Year 8 to Belgium. Year 11 Prom this year will be held on Thursday 27th June 2019 at the Holiday Inn, Geddington Road, Corby. Year 13 students will be celebrating the final school year with a meal out in the local area.

Year 11 and 13 students will begin their exams next week. I am sure you will join us in wishing them the best of luck.

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.

Yours sincerely,



Angela Reynolds
Principal

KEY INFORMATION AND DATES 2018-2019

Progress reports

All students have been given their progress report for the term. Please can all parents/carers return the reply slip by Friday 31st May 2019.

Swipe cards

All students are issued with a swipe card from school. All students are expected to use their swipe cards. Students will be delayed at reception if they do not have a swipe card as this requires additional administration on the day. If a student has lost their card it is important this card is replaced without delay. This can be paid for on Wisepay.

Attendance

Attendance over this term has shown a slight increase since last term, however, we are still well below our school target of 96.5% attendance for all students. If your child is unwell please call the school the morning of each day of absence to prevent it being registered as unauthorised. The attendance for your child for this year has been included with your child's progress report. If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance please contact our Education welfare officer, Mrs Toye.

Punctuality

Please be reminded that students must be here by 8.30am. Students need the opportunity to go to their lockers to prepare themselves for learning. Students who arrive after 8.30am are then late for lessons which causes disruption to other students. All lessons commence at 8.35am and we need to ensure that these lessons begin without interruption. Often students who arrive late are flustered, and as a school we are keen for them to begin their day feeling prepared and confident for the learning ahead. We ask for your support with this to ensure learning is maximised for all. Students who are late will be expected to attend a Session Six at the end of the school day on either Tuesday or Thursday.

Year 11 and Year 13

Students in Year 11 and 13 will begin exams on Monday 13th May 2019. 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. We are currently changing our uniform supplier. If you have any queries please contact school reception.

School breakfast and lunch

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 can not authorise any form of overdraft on a student's account. We have a balance checker in school that students can use to check their own accounts.

Staff training days

Tuesday 28th May 2019 – school will reopen to students on Wednesday 29th May 2019.

Friday 28th June 2019 – Brooke Weston Trust Curriculum Training day - school will be closed to students.

Year 11 PROM Date

Year 11 Prom will take place on Thursday 27th June 2019 at the Holiday Inn, Corby. Further details regarding the timings of the evenings will be sent to you shortly.

Residential dates

Year 10 Barcelona trip – will depart on Monday 1st July 2019 and return on Thursday 4th July 2019.

Year 9 Germany trip – will depart on Monday 8th July 2019 and return on Friday 12th July 2019.

Year 8 Belgium trip – will depart on Tuesday 9th July 2019 and return on Friday 12th July 2019