

23rd May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I thought I would take the opportunity to write to you before we break up for half term to provide you with some important information, given that our summer edition of the newsletter will not reach you until August.

Summer uniform

As we approach the summer, I would like to remind parents/carers of our uniform policy. Having checked the weather forecast for the coming weeks, we have decided to introduce the summer uniform after half term.

As always, once the summer uniform policy is implemented, students will be able to remove their blazers or jumpers should they need to, to ensure they remain comfortable and attentive throughout the school day as the weather gets warmer.

Therefore, until Friday students are expected to be bringing both their jumper and blazer to school. Please also note that hoodies are not acceptable in school and will be confiscated if worn on site. I would like to also remind you that ID badges are part of our uniform and should be worn each day.

Students are also expected to continue wearing their school tie at all times.

Could I also ask parents/carers to ensure that students bring the equipment required each day. This includes their planner, pencil case, pen, pencil, eraser, calculator and ruler. Your support on this would be much appreciated.

Access on Gordon Avenue

We are having some issues with parents using the staff car park entrance on Gordon Avenue as a drop off point.

This should not be used for such purpose as it needs to remain clear to allow safe access of cars and pedestrians. Thank you for your understanding and for being considerate towards anyone trying to access the site.

Ofsted

As you should know, Ofsted inspected the school on 14th and 15th May and the report should be out shortly after half term at which point all parents will receive a letter from the school informing them of the outcome.

What I can share with you is how fabulous our students were throughout the process, despite the impact of the first big examinations for Year 11. As always, they were a credit to the school and yourselves as parents/carers.

New administration fee for official school letters

Please note that we have amended our school's Charging and Remissions Policy to reflect the following change: The school will now charge a small administration fee of £20 per letter to confirm the immigration status / student details (or similar requests) of students and ex-students to parents/carers or solicitors acting on their behalf.

Building work

I am finally pleased to say that the new contractors Volker Fitzpatrick have started the completion works of the new build. All works should be completed by October and my thanks go to the staff, students and community for their patience during this elongated build programme.

Examinations

With the summer comes our students' very important GCSE and A' Level examinations. For parents/carers of Year 11, 12 & 13 students, please encourage your child to attend all the revision opportunities afforded to them, whether it is the breakfast revision sessions, lunchtime or period 6 during the week.

I am sure that you will all join with me in wishing all our students the very best of luck for their on-going examinations. Thank you for your on-going support.

Yours faithfully



Mike Smith
Head teacher