



Tuesday 9th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

We are already half way through this half term following the Easter break and time is passing by very quickly. Given that we continue to achieve so much, I am writing to inform you of what is happening in school.

Strike Days

Thank you for your patience and understanding about the strike days we have had to date this academic year, particularly the two we have already had this term. I understand the impact this has for parents/carers when you still have work commitments as well as the disruption this brings to your child's education. There have been no further strike dates published however, if this changes, we will communicate our plans in a timely manner.

Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete our parent/carers survey. The Senior Leadership Team are currently analysing the results and producing an action plan to further improve our provision based on the feedback received. Thank you also for all the positive feedback which recognised the hard work and support our staff provide every day.

Uniform

Uniform standards continue to be good and the majority of students adhere to our high expectations. Please can you ensure your child is wearing shoes and that skirts are of an appropriate length and not bodycon/stretchy in style. If you require support with uniform then please let us know as we have some spare items in stock that could be borrowed. We are also able to provide support for those families experiencing financial hardship.

Staffing Update

At the start of term we welcomed a number of new staff who have settled quickly into our school community. Mr Phelps and Ms Sacco join us as new Heads of Department to Music and Social Sciences respectively. We also welcomed Miss Keith as a PE teacher. Finally, Mrs Oliva-Pugh has taken the decision to leave our school and we will therefore be looking to recruit her replacement as a priority given the importance of this role. In her leaving statement Mrs Oliva-Pugh states that she has enjoyed getting to know our students and their families and recognised the dedication from teaching and support staff. I would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the best in her next chapter.

GCSE and A Level Exams

External examinations for our Year 11 and 13 students start in earnest next week. Students and staff have been working hard to ensure they are as prepared as possible. Most exams will take place in the Sports Hall however, other smaller venues will be used around the school. All students will be briefed on expectations during the examination period to ensure the smooth running of these examinations and the wider school. I wish all students with examinations over the coming weeks all the very best.

Communication

We receive many communications across the working week and requests for contact to be made home. We are always keen to support you and your child and want to ensure you contact the correct person to ensure a timely response with the answers you need.

Please can you email any queries to mark.rutherford@mrus.co.uk and include the name of the member of staff that you wish to be in contact with, e.g. FAO Mr Smith. In the content of your email please also provide a summary of the reason for making contact; this will ensure we direct this email to the right person and can aim to answer your question when making contact with you. Please also be aware that we aim to acknowledge receipt of your email within 48 hours.

Key Dates

Please find outlined below key dates for your diary this half term:

- Week beginning Monday 8th May 2023: Start of GCSE and A Level external exams.
- Wednesday 10th May 2023: Year 10 trip to Shuttleworth College.
- Friday 12th May 2023: Year 8 Rewards Trip.
- Wednesday 17th May 2023: Health Careers Day for students in Years 9, 10 and 12.
- Thursday 25th May 2023: Year 9 Tutor Evening.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and its community. I continue to be very proud of all that is being achieved.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Foster
Headteacher