

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we prepare for the Easter break, students have Achieved Excellence in lots of ways this term. Please take a moment to look at the [sway](#) and the [montage](#) which shows the variety of events and successes that we have celebrated this half-term, including sporting successes, a Performing Arts Showcase, engaging lessons, World Book Day, a trip to Number 10 Downing Street and Year 10 mock interviews.

We have one member of staff leaving us, Miss Pearson, who taught MFL. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank her for supporting our students and wish her every success for the future.

Coming up Next Half-Term

- Y10 ST1 continues (22nd April – 2nd May)
- GCSE Art and Photography exams begin and MFL speaking exams continue – 22nd April
- UKMT Junior Challenge – 1st May
- Maths Feast – 2nd May
- Y7 ST2 – Begins 12th May
- All GCSE exams begin – 8th May – 18th June

We will continue to focus on **attendance** and **punctuality**, key habits which are directly linked to ensuring students are successful in all subjects.

Uniform

- As you will be aware, students who wear skirts are able to wear black, knee length socks in the summer term. Skirts should also be a sensible length. Although many students are following this expectation, there are a number of students whose skirt length has been a concern. Please can you speak with your child regarding this. Students who are not wearing their skirt at a sensible length will be required to wear trousers or tights.
- Please can you ensure your child has a tie and the correct footwear. A reminder that black trainers are not allowed.
- Can you also ensure any unnatural nails or eyelashes are removed in time for the return after Easter too.

Lesson behaviour

- Following student and parent feedback, this half-term we have launched our 'Pride' in lesson expectations. Our Pride expectations are:
 - Punctuality - Come to lessons on time, ready to learn.
 - Respect - Treat all staff, students and the school with respect.
 - Instructions - Follow teacher instructions.
 - Determination- Work hard to the best of your ability.
 - Engage - Listen to your teacher and other students.

End of year trips – Year 7-10

- A reminder to sign up and pay for the first instalment for the end of year trips. We are really pleased with how many students will be attending these trips and know it will be a fantastic end to the year for everyone.

If you have not signed up already, please use the links below:

[Year 7 Gullivers World trip](#)

[Year 8 Chester Zoo trip](#)

[Year 9 Alton Towers trip](#)

[Year 10 Alton Towers trip](#)

Parent Surveys

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent snapshot **surveys** at our **Progress Evenings**. It was lovely to meet parents/carers in-person, which was a request from last year's full survey. Each event had a real sense of community and purpose. There is a summary of the positive feedback received below.

1. My child's transition has been successful						2. My child is happy at school						3. My child feels safe at school					
Response	7	8	9	10	11	Response	7	8	9	10	11	Response	7	8	9	10	11
Strongly Agree	66	NA	NA		NA	Strongly Agree	49	30	50		58	Strongly Agree	54	55	50		58
Agree	33	NA	NA		NA	Agree	46	57	42		35	Agree	42	38	48		42
Disagree	1	NA	NA		NA	Disagree	1	5	7		4	Disagree	2	2	1		0
Strongly Disagree	0	NA	NA		NA	Strongly Disagree	0	1	0		0	Strongly Disagree	0	0	0		0
Don't Know	0	NA	NA		NA	Don't Know	2	4	0		2	Don't Know	0	2	1		0

4. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved						5. The uniform trial changes have been successful						6. I have received enough information to make an informed decision about next steps					
Response	7	8	9	10	11	Response	7	8	9	10	11	Response	7	8	9	10	11
Strongly Agree	54	20	29		29	Strongly Agree	31	50	NA		NA	Strongly Agree	NA	NA	59		52
Agree	36	60	53		56	Agree	45	24	NA		NA	Agree	NA	NA	29		41
Disagree	4	8	8		7	Disagree	3	5	NA		NA	Disagree	NA	NA	7		6
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0		0	Strongly Disagree	1	2	NA		NA	Strongly Disagree	NA	NA	0		0
Don't Know	4	8	7		8	Don't Know	18	15	NA		NA	Don't Know	NA	NA	3		0

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you have an enjoyable break.

Yours faithfully,



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Headteacher



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