

Achieving Excellence for all

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to all students at the end of another busy half term. This half term marked the start of the GCSE exam period, and we are so proud of the calm, focused and dedicated approach from our Year 11 students. The rest of the student body have adapted to changes around school to support Year 11 at this important time.

Students have achieved excellence in all sorts of ways which you can enjoy on the [Sway](#) and on [YouTube](#).

Routines and Expectations.

- **Attendance and Punctuality:** Well done to all students who have managed **95% or higher** attendance and punctuality. They are **key habits** and the most crucial factors in how students perform at school.
- **Uniform:** We continue to discuss uniform with students and know that students want to be able to feel pride in their uniform. Please see below for some important reminders about uniform to ensure that we have a smooth start to the new half term:
 - All students should be wearing a tie – please can you ensure that your child has a tie. This is a key uniform requirement. We know there has been a stock shortage of ties, however, we have been informed that our uniform suppliers now have ties in stock.
 - Footwear – students should not be wearing black trainers. Nike Air Force One shoes are acceptable. Please can you ensure that your child is wearing the correct footwear for school.
 - Skirt length – This remains a concern. Please discuss this with your child if you feel this is relevant to them. A reminder that if socks are worn, they should be black, knee length.
 - Students are also allowed to wear grey tailored school shorts in the summer term.
 - The [website](#) reflects our uniform and appearance expectations, including **jewellery**. We will communicate uniform expectations for 25-26 towards the end of term.
- **Year 7 into 8 transition** - In order to ensure the move into Year 8 is successful, current Year 7 forms will be mixed as we move into Year 8. We will keep Year 7 parents updated with these changes and are planning that students meet their new forms during the last 2 weeks of half term. There will also be time available in the last half term for parents to meet with relevant staff to discuss these changes.
- **Year 7-10 end of year trips:** We are very excited about the upcoming trips to Gulliver's World, Chester Zoo and Alton Towers and especially pleased with how many students have taken up this opportunity. More details and itineraries for the day will be sent out closer to the time. The final deadline for signups and payments has been extended to Wednesday 4th June. Please ensure you have signed up and paid by this date to avoid disappointment.

[Year 7 Gullivers World trip](#)

[Year 8 Chester Zoo trip](#)

[Year 9 Alton Towers trip](#)

[Year 10 Alton Towers trip](#)

- **Litter:** we continue to work with students to be responsible in tidying away litter into the bins or putting it into the bags that staff are carrying on the fields and MUGA. If you are picking up your child from The Woodpecker, please remind them not to litter that area.

Many thanks for your continued support and we look forward to seeing all students return on **Monday 2nd June**.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs L Kane
Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date: Week Beginning	Event
Monday 2 nd June (A)	Students return to school: Teams Assembly Minors athletics (Tuesday) GCSE Exams continue (from Wednesday)
Monday 9 th June (B)	Y10 geography field trip (Tuesday and Thursday) Athletics final GCSE Exams continue
Monday 16 th June (A)	Y6 Biometrics Evening (Wednesday) GCSE Exams end (Wednesday*) <i>*Exam contingency day Wednesday 25th June</i>
Monday 23 rd June (B)	Y6 Information Evening (Tuesday) Rowing competition (Wednesday) Y11 Prom (Thursday) Y8 HPV vaccinations (Friday) Duke of Edinburgh Expedition (Friday – Saturday)
Monday 30 th June (A)	Careers Day (Tuesday) Y6 Transition (Wednesday and Thursday) Y10 Progress Evening (Thursday) SJBIF INSET (Friday) – students not in school
Monday 7 th July (B)	Y9 Trip (Tuesday) Y7/8 Sports Day (Tuesday) Y8 trip (Wednesday) Y9/10 Sports Day (Wednesday) Summer Concert (Thursday)
Monday 14 th July (A)	Y10 trip (Tuesday) Y7 trip (Wednesday) Achieving Excellence Evening (Platinum awards and JLT ties (Years 7-10) (Thursday) Finish 1.20 (Friday)
End of term	
Thursday 21 st August	GCSE Results Day (9am)
Monday 1 st September	Monday – INSET Day Tuesday – Y7 students only Wednesday – All students return to school: Teams Assembly