

Friday 5th January 2024

Happy New Year

We just wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy new year.

Last term was action packed for our staff and students. We saw the launch of our House system and rejuvenated rewards. These two initiatives work hand in hand, and they certainly had the school 'buzzing'.

Students have been able to take part in a plethora of activities and events and use their House points to access various rewards and treats. *Long may this continue!*

Some of the highlights in the last term were the inflatable assault course, the pop-up cinema and the end of term trips to the pantomime and bowling. While all of this is important to develop our students' personal and social skills, ultimately what was impressive was the generosity of our students. With your support, they brought food and other items into school to help out the local foodbank. These were delivered and well received. **Thank you.**

This term, it is all to play for again.

We will be speaking to students and gaining their views. Watch this space!

We will also be sending another parent/carer survey out as we feel gaining your views is of equal importance. Please do take the time to



complete this. Last term, some parents/carers and students mentioned lunch time being later than normal and also the queuing system. We listened and, as reported in the last parent/carer bulletin, we acted upon this feedback. While the survey is anonymous, we would strongly urge parents/carers to contact the school directly if they have a concern or issue. If we know about it, we can deal with it.

Extra-curricular clubs:

Students can still access the extensive extracurricular clubs and enrichment opportunities we have on offer. Many many students accessed these clubs and opportunities – please encourage your son/daughter to sign up for a club and/or activity.

The timetables are currently being updated and will be shared with students in the w/c 8th January 2024.

Mobile Phones

For some students, adhering to our expectations continues to be an issue. Therefore, as of Monday 8th January 2024, any phones confiscated will, from this date, need collecting (in person) by the student's parent/carer, at the end of the school day from the school reception.

Students will not be able to collect their phones at the end of the day, as they have been doing.

It has been clearly communicated previously, that where a parent/carer allows their child to bring their phone into school - they should be switched off and in bags, throughout the whole school day. They should not be in blazer pockets, and students should not be using them to 'check the time'.

Thank you for your support.

Please turn over.

School day – a reminder:

We expect all students to be on site by 8:20am and heading to their form rooms for the 8:25am bell. Please support us by ensuring your child arrives to school on time and fully prepared for the day.

Monday:	Tuesday - Friday:
<mark>8:25am</mark> – all students	<mark>8:25am</mark> – all students
should be on site	should be on site
8:25 – 9:15 – PSHE –	8:25 – 8:50 – form
extended form time	time / assembly
9:15 – 10:10 – period 1	8:50 – 9:50 – period 1
10:10 – 11:05 – period 2	9:50 – 10:50 – period 2
11:05 – 11:25 – break	10:50 – 11:10 – break
11:25 – 12:20 – period 3	11:10 – 12:10 – period 3
12:20/12:25 - 13:10 -	12:10/12:15 - 13:00 -
lunch	lunch
13:10 – 14:05 – period 4	13:00 – 14:00 – period
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14:05 – 15:00 – period 5	14:00 – 15:00 – period
14.05 - 15.00 - period 5	5