

JHY/SHY

5 December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to write to you to seek some support on key development areas for us as a school community, as well as the end of term arrangements and for the start of the new term in January 2025.

End of Term arrangements

The last day of the Autumn term for students will be Friday 20 December 2024. This will be a half day for all students.

Students will have lunch at the usual time of 12.45-1.15pm. This will be followed by registration with their tutor at 1.15pm and all students will be dismissed from school at 1.25pm

Start of the new term January 2025.

Monday 6 January 2025 is an INSET day for staff, therefore students will not be expected in school.

The start of the new term for students will be Tuesday 7 January, with the usual start time for all students.

Uniform

We have seen a marked improvement in the standard of uniform within the school. Students have embraced the community spirit we have been developing. However, there are still a very small minority of students who are wearing trainers in school, and I would like to seek your support in ensuring your child adheres to our policy on school shoes. I am passionate about consistency and fairness and I value your support on this. As always if there are personal circumstances affecting your child wearing the correct uniform, please do contact your child's tutor.

Communication

I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents of our expectations around telephone communication between students and parents. As a school we expect that this must only take place during the school day through school staff; this is so ensure the authority of the school is not undermined and that learning is not interrupted as well as ensuring the safety of students.

We have recently experienced some students contacting their parents directly from school during the school day on their mobile phone regarding something which concerns them. This has then led to some parents contacting the school in an anxious state. It transpires that staff have not been informed of the concern directly by the child and as such we are then not able to effectively support the child or the parent.



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We are absolutely committed to supporting and safeguarding our students and we ask that you encourage your child to trust our staff and seek support in school and afford us the opportunity to resolve concerns and queries. We will of course liaise with you when supporting your child where appropriate regarding matters of behaviour and safeguarding. Equally if you have a concern or query as a parent, we encourage you to contact the relevant member of staff, so that we can work together to resolve matters.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a long horizontal stroke followed by a stylized, cursive-like flourish.

Miss J Halsey
Headteacher