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24th May 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian

Race for Life - Save the Date - Saturday 15th July

After half term we will be launching our annual Race for Life events in school. For those pupils over 14, they will have the chance to take part in a muddy 5K run on Saturday 15th of July. Please 'save the date' and look out for further correspondence if your child would like to take part. The cost to enter this year is £12, and if they don't want to take part, we will also have other events during school-time to raise funds. Everyone is welcome to come and show their support on the day!

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Half-Term Extra Curricular Activities

Parents will be aware that we do not usually continue with our extra-curricular clubs during school holidays. However, as we have now taken our lettings 'in-house' we now have greater flexibility to offer extra-curricular provision in holidays.

This half-term Saturday Drama Club will run on Saturday 3rd June from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Our fantastic Multi-Sports Club will run throughout the holiday on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (from 30th May to 3rd June) from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Both of these opportunities continue to be free of charge and open to all year groups.

Year 11 Exams

Our Year 11s have approached the exams with determination and a positive attitude. We are both proud and impressed. Mr Chesterman has written to Year 11 parents to share arrangements for the ongoing cramming timetable after half-term. In summary:

- * If pupils have an exam they must be in
- * If pupils have cramming they must be in
- * If they have private study they can stay in school or revise at home

Golden ticket winners

This half term we have been having a focus on our school culture of 'Work Hard, Be Kind', with an emphasis on pupils being obviously kind to other pupils and adults within the school community. Teachers have been rewarding students who consistently model our school values with Epraise points. Each week students with the most Epraise points have been given a Golden Ticket. All Golden ticket winners will be rewarded with an afternoon of bowling.

Headteacher: Mr Neil Jones

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Year 10 mocks

On Monday 12th June, Year 10 students will be starting their end of year mock examinations. Pupils have been provided with a list of topics to revise, a mock timetable and have had assemblies and form time dedicated to show them the best revision techniques.

A Fond Farewell

Patricia Taylor, who has worked in our school kitchens for almost 16 Years, will is retiring this week. She has served the children of this community with diligence, care and compassion throughout that time. Patricia is one of the unsung heroes of our school, never absent and always smiling. Through the pandemic, the rebuild and move, Pat has been a valued colleague. We will miss her a great deal, and hope she'll pop back regularly to say 'hello'!

Thank you to all parents for your staunch efforts to support your child in school this half-term, and I hope you are able to enjoy a pleasant family bank holiday next week.

Yours faithfully

Mr Neil Jones Headteacher