

Educational excellence for our City

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Dear Parent / Guardian

I write with a number of updates.

1) GCSE exams

Our Year 11s have done brilliantly so far in their approach to the exams. Pupils came out of Biology, English and History feeling really positive in particular, which speaks to high levels of preparation. We continue with compulsory attendance for the cramming timetable until half-term. After half-term, this attendance is voluntary, but highly recommended, rather than compulsory.

2) Year 10 Mocks

Year 10 Mocks start on 10th June. In order to support our pupils, every afternoon after school, we will be running booster sessions for Year 10s:

Monday	History, Computer Science, French,
	Music, Textiles
Tuesday	Sports, Graphics, History,
	Geography, French, Food, Art
Wednesday	Maths
Thursday	English
Friday	Science

Please encourage your child to attend.

3) Equipment

We want all our pupils to be learning ready by ensuring they all have the correct equipment in lessons. It wastes learning time when students have to ask teachers or friends to borrow a pen/pencil/ruler. In order to support your child, we have provided every pupil with a pencil case, pencil, rubber, pen and ruler last term. The expectation is that your child takes care of this equipment, does not break or misplace it and brings it to school every day. Basic equipment checks have been taking place during form time and replacements are provided if equipment is lost or broken. We would appreciate it if you check and remind your child of the importance of being learning ready by having the basic equipment for all lessons.

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4) Attendance

Overwhelming evidence exists to demonstrate that children with the best attendance are happier and more successful in school as a consequence. Everything you do to ensure your child is in school every day is appreciated.

5) Uniform Reminder

Please make sure your child arrives at school each day with their blazer, in trousers or skirt (rather than leggings) and in school shoes. Blazers can be removed during lessons. If you would like support with school uniform for any reason, please confidentially contact your child's Head of Year.

6) Golden Ticket

During this half term teachers have been rewarding students with Epraise points when they have consistently been following our school values of 'Work Hard, Be Kind'. Each week pupils who have received the most Epraise points have been given a Golden ticket. Golden ticket winners have been invited to a rewards trip to Treetop Golf.

7) Clubs and Extra-Curricular

Our dozens of clubs continue to thrive. Thank you for your support in encouraging your child to attend. Please find attached the current term's club timetable.

Kind Regards

Mr Neil Jones Headteacher