



28th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the Spring term, I wanted to share some highlights of a very busy and successful term. As you can see from the [latest](#) newsletter, pupils have been involved in a range of activities and events, including our first careers fair, tree planting for the local community, success in maths, participation in a range of STEM challenges, success in the Young Citizens events involving competitions at the Royal Court of Justice in London. We are also delighted to confirm that fundraising this term has raised £3,583 to support Benefit Mankind. This brings our total raised for Charity to almost £8,000 which is an example of parents and pupils' generosity and willingness to support the less fortunate in our community and those who are facing challenging circumstances worldwide.

In preparation for the Summer Term, please see below key information for each year group:

**Formal GCSE Examinations begin on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May for Year 11 pupils.** It is important that pupils continue to complete regular revision at home as part of their preparation towards these examinations. All pupils have been provided with revision material for each subject on Google classroom. We ask for your support in helping your child in completing regular and structured revision in a quiet space without the distraction of mobile phones or social media. Please see the letter that was sent to all parents/carers in Year 11 with more information about support, revision and preparation.

**Formal Examinations begin for Year 10 on Monday 22nd April** Information for pupils and parents has been sent through our Edulink Parent App. All pupils have been provided with a range of revision materials through their subject Google Classrooms and pupils should be using the break to study regularly through a well organised revision timetable in order that they can demonstrate their knowledge and progress of their GCSE subjects.

**Options choices for Year 9 pupils** have now been completed and letters confirming your child's final subject choices will be shared with you shortly. Please note that all consultations and specific advice and guidance have now been completed. However, please remember that your child still needs to be working hard in each subject during the final term in school, even if they will not be continuing to study this in Year 10.

**Pupils in Year 7 and 8** continue to make good progress in school and have been involved in reward visits, achievement assemblies and charity events and many pupils have demonstrated their leadership skills as Anne Frank Ambassadors, Charity Leaders and members of the Pupil Council. Pupils will also be working hard towards their final year examinations and we will be meeting with parents of both year groups at our final parents' evenings later on in the term. We are also delighted to be invited to a Creative Careers Event taking place for all Year 7 and Year 8 pupils which will give pupils the opportunity to consider the range of careers and experiences available to them in the future.

We continue to offer a broad range of extra-curricular activities for all pupils including the Duke of Edinburgh Award, sports, chess, musical theatre, coding, poetry and many more. Please encourage your child to sign up and take part in these exciting opportunities that will support your child in developing their confidence, communication and leadership skills



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A final reminder about standards and punctuality. We expect all pupils to arrive at school by 8.20am and should be in class with their tutor by 8.30am. If pupils are late to school, they will have to catch up with missed learning time for 30 minutes at the end of each day. We expect pupils to attend school every day so they can learn successfully and achieve their full potential.

Pupils must wear the full and correct school uniform, including blue school trousers or skirt, black shoes and the school head scarf. Trainers and hoodies are not permitted. Your child should bring a navy blue or black waterproof coat to wear outside if the weather is inclement. Please note we do not permit extreme haircuts, including shaved lines or patterns or jewellery.

As a reminder we ask parents to not send pupils to school with a mobile phone; pupils are not permitted to use phones in school or on the school premises. If pupils are seen with a phone they will be confiscated and parents/carers will be asked to collect from reception. We respectfully request that parents/carers support us with advising your children of the importance of school expectations.

As always, thank you for your continued support and best wishes for those parents/carers who are celebrating Eid. I wish you a joyful time with your families and friends.

Best wishes

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**Headteacher**

