

December 2017

Dear Parent /Guardian

The new college year is well underway and I would like to take this opportunity to update you on a number of matters. The college's mission statement '**to promote partnership, develop talents and encourage participation**' underpins all we do here at this college. I am keen to ensure that your child's needs and aspirations are met throughout the coming year by working in close partnership with you, our parents and guardians.

All pupils have a **homework diary** which includes key pastoral and curriculum information for your attention. To supplement this four leaflets are available in our child protection policies documents section (Pupil Safety On-line, Safeguarding & Child Protection, Pastoral & Curriculum Matters and Sexting And The Law). These contain important information requiring parental support. If you have any concerns regarding school life or your child please feel free to contact us. For most matters it is easiest to contact your child's form teacher first.

The calendar for the year 2017/18 can be found on pages 6 – 11 of Louise's homework diary with details of events and college holidays. You will be informed in advance of any changes to these dates.

Important upcoming dates to note for December to March are:

Friday 15 Dec 2017	Carol Service	Venue - School Gym
Friday 15 Dec 2017	Last teaching day of Term 1 for all year groups	
Monday 18 Dec 2017	Year 10 Parent Teacher Meeting and KS4 Option Information. Session 1: 9.15am - 10N, F & J Session 2: 11.15am - 10I, L & G	Only Year 10 pupils to attend with parent(s)/guardian(s) Venue - Lecture Theatre
Tuesday 19 Dec 2017	Parent Teacher Meeting for: Years 12 & 13 (9.00 – 11.00am) Years 11 & 14 pupils (12.00 – 2.00pm)	Parent(s)/Guardian(s) only Venue - Sports Hall
Wednesday 20 Dec 2017	Post-16 Taster Day for Year 12 pupils 8.55am – 2.00pm	Only Year 12 pupils to attend
Thursday 21 December 2017 to Friday 5 January 2018 (inc) - Christmas Holidays		
Monday 8 Jan 2018	Term 2 begins for ALL pupils (Week 2)	
Friday 12 Jan 2018	Year 12 GCSE External Examinations	Only Year 12 pupils to attend
Saturday 13 Jan 2018	Open Day for Primary 6 & 7 pupils	
22 - 26 Jan 2018	Years 12, 13 & 14 Mock Exam week	
26 Jan 2018	Year 14 Interview Skills	
7 - 9 Feb (inc) 2018	Year 13 Work Experience	
Friday 9 Feb 2018	Parent Teacher Meeting for: Year 8 (9.00 – 11.00am) and Year 9 (12.00 – 2.00pm) Year 12 Interview skills	Only Year 12 pupils to attend for interview
Monday 12 February 2018 to Friday 16 February 2018 (inc) - Mid-Term Break		
12 - 16 Feb 2018	Year 14 Ski Trip	
5 - 10 March 2018	Year 10 Ski Trip	
19 March 2018	Holiday	
21 – 26 March 2018	Year 11 GCSE Internal Mock Examinations	
29 March – 6 April	Easter holidays	

Please note only certain year groups are expected to attend on the dates noted above.

I hope you find the aforementioned documentation informative. Further details on meetings and college events will follow in due course.

Yours sincerely

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Principal