

Headteacher: Mr D. Whales | Chair of Governors: Mr T. French

26th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to share with you some of the highlights from the start of the academic year as well as some of the things we have to look forward to this year.

We have been really pleased with the start our students have made since returning, or in the case of year 7 joining in September. Feedback from staff and students has been extremely positive about the behaviour in and around the school. Lesson visits have shown students to be engaged and working hard alongside their teachers to accelerate their learning.

Headteacher's Commendation

To recognise the efforts of our students, we have a selection of awards and rewards which we will be looking to hand out. The most prestigious award is the Headteacher's Commendation. This is for students who have done something exceptional or have made a significant effort towards something in school. It is really pleasing to share we already have a number of students who have been nominated for this award by their teachers. This award comes with it a special certificate and a celebration with the Headteacher and Head of Year. Please look out each week on our social media pages for announcements of winners.

Caught Being Good

Furthermore, senior staff and Heads of Year have been popping into lessons to recognise students "caught being good". This is where teachers nominate students for their work or effort in a lesson or for an exceptional contribution. Nearly 50 students have already been awarded this and will be going into a prize draw which will be held at the end of the half term.

Fun Day Friday

Students and staff have had the opportunity to take part in Fun Day Friday every Friday tutor time. A whole range of activities have been put together for students as we look to take a break and focus on wellbeing. The activities have included interform sports, games and quizzes which have been thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Double Break

To mark the positive efforts our students have made, we will be looking to reward students with a double break event later this half term. As the name suggests, students will have a double break one afternoon where they will not need to go to their afternoon tutor time. More information for students will follow nearer the time.

Activity Day

We will also have our annual Activity Day which will run in the Summer Term. This will be for all students in years 7 – 10 and will be a day off timetable and a chance to do one of a host of exciting activities. To name but a few, previously we have run Go karting, Paintballing, trips to London, Alton Towers and so much more. Without doubt, this is the highlight of the year!

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I would also like to share below the extracurricular and sports clubs currently running which we would highly recommend all students take advantage of.

Extracurricular Clubs:

Club	Time	Staff Member
Geography	Mondays 3.15pm	Ms Berry
Games Club	Mondays 3.15pm	Mr Fisher and Ms Windsor
Book Club	Last Wednesday of every month	Mr Billson
Art Club (Year 7 – 9)	Thursdays 3.15pm	Mrs Fowkes
Lego League	Thursdays 3.20pm	Ms Farrell
Performing Arts Open Studio (Year 7 & 8)	Mondays 3.30pm	Mrs Purdy
Performing Arts Show Night Rehearsals	Wednesdays 3.30pm in 5L17	Mrs Purdy
Performing Arts Open Studio (Year 9 & 10)	Thursdays 3.30pm	Mrs Purdy
Performing Arts (by invitation)	Fridays 3.30pm for rehearsals	Mrs Purdy

Sports Clubs:

Day	Lunchtime	After School	Year Group	Staff Member
Monday	Basketball (all years)	Football	Year 7	Mr Ground
		Netball	All Years	Ms Sothman/Miss Welham
Tuesday	Badminton (all years)			
Wednesday	Badminton (all years)	Badminton & Basketball	Years 9 - 11	Mr Bradley
		Football	Year 10	Mr Brennan
Thursday	Basketball (all years)	Badminton & Basketball	Years 7 & 8	Mr Reed
		Football	Years 8 & 9	Mr Brennan/Mr Ground
		Gym	Years 8 - 11	Miss Welham
Friday	Basketball (all years)	Staff Sport	Years 11 & P16	Mr Ground

At break and lunch, the Sports Hall, Astros and hard-court areas are also available for students. There is no need to get changed and as long as students bring trainers, they can join in.

Homework Club

We have homework club which runs every Monday to Thursday in 1L29 from 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm. This is to aid students with doing their homework and have a member of staff available who can support them. All our after-school clubs will have registers taken so parents can check attendance if required.

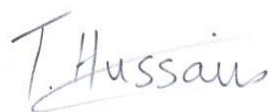
Year 11 Unit 6

To support our students in Year 11 we have launched unit 6. This is where staff are putting on key revision sessions to help students prepare for their examinations. The current timetable is shown below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday (Options)	Thursday	Friday
Triple Science	Self study (no unit 6)	History	Further Maths	Italian
Maths B half		Art	Geography	
English A half		Health & Social Care	Maths A half	
		Computing	English B half	
		GCSE PE		

Finally, we would like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents and carers for the messages of support and feedback received on this year's initiatives. We look forward to continuing to work with you to provide all our students with a fulfilling, challenging and life-enhancing education.

Yours sincerely



Mr T Hussain

Assistant Headteacher