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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the weekly newsletter.

Attendance and Punctuality

Levels of attendance at schools across the country have not returned to the levels they were pre-pandemic. Currently the national picture is an average of 90% attendance and a quarter of children have attendance less than that which is classed as persistent absence. Our school rates are very much in line with the national picture but 90% attendance is not good – it means a student is missing one lesson in every 10 or one day every 10 days. While we are very aware there have been sickness bugs etc. however please do ensure your son or daughter is coming into school unless absolutely unavoidable. There is a proven correlation between school attendance and outcomes in exams – you have a much better chance of success if you have good attendance. Since attendance is so important we do not authorise holidays in term time, do issue fines if there are 10 unauthorised occasions but we do want to work with families more importantly, to overcome any barriers there may be to attendance.

School begins at 8.50 a.m. with the warning bell and students should be in school by then. Punctuality rates are much better than they used to be but we do have a hard core of persistently late students. Please do respond to synergy messages if you are contacted about this – students need to learn that punctuality is essential in the work place and school prepares for that!

Industrial Action

Having just written about attendance I am very aware that next week sees two days of industrial action and we have to be able to manage the school safely. I hope you have already seen my letter of yesterday:

- Wednesday 15 March Years 11, 9 and vulnerable students are in school
- Thursday 16 March Years 11, 10 and vulnerable students are in school.

All other students should be following their timetable from home. If there are issues with technology, please contact school.

Performing Arts Display

On Thursday 23 and Friday 24 March, we will be holding a Performing Arts display at 7.00 p.m. in the Hall. Tickets are £8 for adults and £5 for concessions. Please do come along and support our students including our BTEC Drama students.

Wyre Council's Easter Holiday Programme

If you are living in Wyre and your son or daughter is in receipt of free school meals, please see the attached poster. If you contact school we will be able to give you the required code for booking activities.

Year 11

While mocks are now finished for most students it is important that Year 11 remain absolutely focussed and are taking seriously the idea of 2 hours additional work a day – results will not happen by magic. I hope to send out details in the next week or so of the Easter school classes available on 3, 4 and 5 April to help students prepare for exams.



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Pastoral Drop-In

Mr Morton, Assistant Headteacher for Pastoral and Behaviour, is holding a drop-in clinic for any parent who would like to discuss any issues their child may have. It will be on Thursday 23 March from 3.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Please contact Reception to make an appointment.

Easter Holiday Club

The PE department are running an Easter Holiday Club in school on Monday 3 April to Thursday 6 April. The cost is £100 and available to students in Years 7, 8 and 9. Places are limited to 30 and are on a first come first served basis. Further details and a medical form which must be completed and returned, are available on the school website. If your child would like to attend, please pay £100 via the school online payment system to secure a place.

Congratulations to:

- George, Zac, Callum and Jake in Year 11 who participated in the BAe Challenge competition last Friday. They came second out of 52 schools, and the judges were really impressed with their project plan design and specification.
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- Luke in Year 11 who has succeeded in being selected for interview for the Arkwright Engineering Scholarship.
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- Holly in Year 11 who has been offered a 2 year contract with Liverpool Women's FC U21's.

Yours faithfully



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