

15 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter. There are quite a number of items and attachments.

Year 11

In reality, Year 11 is a short year with only 29 school weeks before the start of exams. Students need to be engaged in 2 hours of home learning a day if they are really to maximise their chances next summer. Students also need to be thinking about Post 16 options and there will be a number of open events at Colleges that will be coming up. Two that have been brought to my attention this week are:

- Blackpool & Fylde College
Wednesday 4 October 4.30 – 7.00 p.m.
Saturday 11 November 10.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.
- Kirkham Grammar (flyer attached)
Sunday 1 October 1.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Years 8 & 9

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended the Information Evening. The presentations will be on the website.

Year 7

Next Thursday, 21 September, we have an opportunity for Year 7 parents and carers to spend some time with their child's mentor before the Information Evening talk. I have sent further information out separately to parents and carers of Year 7.

Attendance

It is a recognised fact that outcomes in school are far higher for an individual student when their attendance is good. We know that nationally attendance at school has not yet recovered post pandemic and this is a real concern both at Government and individual school level. Every percentage point drop in attendance is equivalent to almost 2 days of school missed, so even 95% attendance in a year is 9 and a half days or 48 lessons missed.

Please send your child into school unless it is unavoidable. The Government has produced a document called 'Is my child too ill for school' which gives advice to parents and carers on a range of illnesses and when a child can and should still attend school. Please have a read of this. It can be found at www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/ or there is a summary attached to this letter.



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Term dates

The term dates and holiday pattern for 2024-25 academic year have now been approved by the Governors and will shortly be on the website. The next academic year will see Year 11 and 7 return on Tuesday 3 September 2024 and the rest of the school following on Wednesday 4 September 2024.

Open Evening

This year's Open Evening for students in current Year 5 and 6 at Primary school will be on Thursday 28 September from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Uniform

Currently girls have the option of leggings, tracksuit bottoms, shorts or skorts for PE. It is the Governors' intention to phase out the skorts over the next 12 months and so I would advise that as new kit is purchased you take one of the other options.

Drop-ins

There are a number of drop-in sessions for parents and carers coming up:

- Tuesday 26 September : SHINE Coffee Morning 9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. with a focus on mental health of your young people.
- Wednesday 27 September : Drop-In for SEND from 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 11 October : Pastoral Drop-In and Pupil Premium from 3.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Please do come along to any relevant drop in to meet staff and discuss any specifics about your son or daughter that will help us to support them as they journey through school.

Job vacancies

We are currently advertising for a Site Supervisor 2A to start as soon as possible. Further information and an application form are available on the school website under the vacancy section – please note the closing date has been extended to Noon on 28 September 2023.

Our cleaning company Tenon, also have several vacancies currently. If you are interested in a position please contact Linda Barnes by email on linda.barnes@tenonfm-uk.com

And finally

Many congratulations to Sophie in Year 9 who has been invited to represent Lancashire at the National County Swimming Championships in Sheffield. She has also been selected as part of the top 24 ranked swimmers in the North West to attend the 2023-24 Swim England Northwest Development Programme. A fantastic achievement!

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully



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