

24 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the weekly newsletter.

Year 11

Year 11 students will have their final set of mock exams in two weeks' time – beginning 6 March. These exams will be in Maths, English and Science. In reality there are now only 9 school weeks before the start of the main exam series in May and all Year 11 should be absolutely focused on revision and attending intervention in school. The weekly PSHE session is now given over to targeted revision and intervention; when asked to attend any intervention after school students (and I would ask parents/carers) treat that as compulsory; they should be doing a minimum of two hours work in the evenings; and really recognising that effort put in will equal reward out. There will be a zero tolerance with any student disrupting the learning of others. Well done to the many students who are so focussed.

Year 9

Thank you to those who attended Options Evening yesterday. I hope you found it useful to speak to staff about the KS4 courses available. There are further opportunities for discussion at Year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday 2 March – please make your appointments on School Cloud.

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.

Industrial Action

I have already sent out a letter earlier this week regarding industrial action by National Education Union on 28 February. Only Years 8, 11 and identified vulnerable students in Years 7, 9, and 10 will be in school on Tuesday. Those working at home should log into Synergy or follow the shadow timetable which will be emailed to them.

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.

Additional Bank Holiday

Just a reminder that Monday 8 May is an additional Bank Holiday in recognition of the Coronation of King Charles III. School will be closed that day. Parliament has approved that the school year 2022-23 is 188 days not 190 (the Bank Holiday for the late Queen's funeral being the other day).

Online Safety

Please find attached to this letter two posters produced by National Online Safety. One is supporting Parents/carers with online bullying and the other regards TikTok.



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Finally

Congratulations to Sophie in Year 8 who is now the Lancashire County Champion for 50m breaststroke, having achieved several medals in breaststroke, butterfly and medley at the Lancashire Swimming Championships.

Congratulations also to James in Year 11 who is now a Level 7 FA Referee. He has refereed many local grass roots matches plus a number of Academy games involving not only Blackpool and Fleetwood, but also Premiership teams such as Manchester United, Newcastle and Wolves.

Yours faithfully



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