

13th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Although we have arrived at the Exam Season for Year 11, the true hard work lies in every ordinary day in the 11 years of their schooling that leads up to this period.

With this in mind, the following information is vital for all of our pupils, whatever their year group:

Being on Time for School and Lessons – Check Classcharts!

Do you know if your child is on time for school every day?

Are you aware that they arrive to their lessons on time?

A simple check of Classcharts will enable you to track their attendance and punctuality both to school and to all of their lessons.

Does your child have any of the following?

- Late to school (after 8.35am) = C60 (a 60 minute after school Correction that same day)
- Late to Lesson by 3 mins = C20 (a 20 minute after school Correction that same day)
- Late to Lesson by 10 or more minutes = C60 (a 60 minute after school Correction that same day)

Missing important lesson time adds up. Please do keep an eye on Classcharts and talk to your child about any Corrections that you see on there.

Safeguarding, Attendance and Positives

To prioritise safeguarding and attendance at school, we have now implemented a policy where students won't be released from school during the school day without a parent or carer present for pickup. We appreciate your understanding of this new measure.

I would like to emphasise the importance of ensuring your child goes straight home after school, without detouring through parks, shops, or streets. While we understand the allure of socialising or exploring, prioritising safety is paramount. By going directly home, your child minimises their exposure to potential risks and dangers that may lurk in unfamiliar or unsupervised areas.

Additionally, adhering to this practice fosters a sense of responsibility and discipline, instilling valuable habits that contribute to their overall well-being. We greatly appreciate your co-operation and support in reinforcing these safety measures, as we strive to create a secure and nurturing environment for all our students. Together, we can ensure their safety and promote their success.

Our temporary new school day has now begun to support Year 11 students with examinations. Lunch for all students will now take place from 12:25pm rather than 1:25pm.

This week, we're delighted to spotlight the success of our form groups:

Best attendance: a big well done to the following:

Attendance: Overall school attendance has increased by 0.3% over the last week.

Top Form groups:

Year 7:	7D – 95.86%
Year 8:	8G – 95.17%
Year 9:	9D – 95%
Year 10:	10F – 92.67%
Year 11:	11B – 98.53%

Parent with students in the following tutor groups can be really pleased with progress in terms of Merits. Please congratulate all students for achieving the highest merits last week.

Top Form Groups:

Year 7:	7F
Year 8:	8D
Year 9:	9F
Year 10:	10B
Year 11:	11B

Upcoming event: Wednesday 19th June 2024: Year 9 Aspire to Aston Aspire Programme

Are you planning your route into Higher Education? There are only 30 places left! Please ensure you have booked your child's place. We will then confirm places and write to you. Travel to and from the university will be by coach with more information given closer to the date.

Every day in your child's education counts, no matter what year group your child is in.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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