

5 May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11

Year 11 students now only have 4 days of normal timetable left before the revision/exam timetable kicks in on Friday 12 May and the first written exams take place on Monday 15 May. Parents/Carers, please can you ensure your sons and daughters arrive in good time and in full school uniform for the exams. It is unsettling and also unfair to other students if individuals are arriving into the exam hall when the majority have already started. The morning exams start at 9.00 a.m. and so students should be ready to line up for the exam at 8.50 a.m.

Timetable change

We have lost a lot of Mondays this academic year due to the Bank Holidays and so to compensate we are running a Monday Week A timetable on Tuesday 9 May. This is a change just for one day and students will be given a timetable on Tuesday morning to help them. This change just compensates some subjects which have lost a lot of timetabled times especially if they have a double lesson on a Monday.

Rainbow Flag Award

Congratulations to the Pride Rocks Group in school and Miss Swarbrick who have led our efforts to be recognised with the 'Rainbow Flag Award'. We hope this will be presented to the school soon, recognising the ethos and culture in school around supporting gay and trans students and challenging any inappropriate behaviour or attitudes. I am pleased that student surveys tell us that any homophobic behaviour is very rare.

Coronation of King Charles III

School is closed on Monday for the Bank Holiday to celebrate the Coronation. Obviously this is a very rare occasion and I would encourage all our students to watch this historic event with 1000 years of history behind it.

Detentions

Detentions are the most common sanction we have available in school and most are 20 minutes. It is important to say though that if a student does not attend this will escalate – initially to an 80 minute Head's detention on either Thursday or Friday after school. If a student misses the Head's detention deliberately – or runs away when collected – then they will be placed in internal exclusion until 4.30 p.m. on the next available day. It is therefore ridiculous to deliberately miss a 20 minute detention and allow things to escalate.



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Appearance and uniform

At the start of term all students were spoken to about having high standards in all areas of school and this included uniform and appearance. The vast majority of students look smart and among those who struggle with this we have seen a real improvement – apart from a small handful who we will continue to challenge and sanction. Well done to most of our student body for looking so smart and taking pride in their appearance.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Waller
Headteacher