

9 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very good start to the academic year and it has been a pleasure to welcome 191 new Year 7 students, 12 new members of staff in both teaching and support roles and a number of new students in other year groups. I spoke to all students on their first day in school and reminded them of our high expectations in terms of uniform, behaviour and learning. Respect is an absolutely crucial aspect of our culture here in school and staff will challenge robustly any language or behaviours which fail to demonstrate that respect.

Year 10 and 11 Parent and Carer Information Evening

Thank you to Parents and Carers of students in Years 10 and 11 who attended the Information Evening on 8 September. I hope you found it useful to have the sessions on revision and to meet representatives of Post 16 Colleges as well as get information about the year ahead.

Year 8 and 9 Information Evening

Next Thursday, 15 September, we will have an Information Evening for Parents and Carers of students in Years 8 and 9. This will take place in the school hall at 5.30 p.m. for Year 8 and at 6.30 p.m. for Year 9.

Chair of Governors

The Board of Governors has a very important role on the strategic direction of the school, financial planning and holding the school leaders to account. Mrs Linda Nulty has served as Chair of Governors for 4 years and I would like to thank her for her support and commitment to the role. On Wednesday evening the Governors elected Mrs Joanne Shepherd as the new Chair of Governors. Mrs Shepherd is the Health and Safety Officer at Lancaster University and has experience of previous school Governance.

Home Learning

As I have said to all students this week, the learning that takes place in the classroom can only be part of learning and for real success there has to be a commitment to learning outside the classroom – at home or in intervention sessions in school or using the Hub after school as a quiet place to work. Please see the attached letter from Miss Jordinson regarding home learning and a renewed emphasis on its completion. Please do encourage your sons and daughters to complete any home learning and discuss it with them. If no official homework is set students can always read, do additional research and for students in Years 10 and 11, revise.

Fylde Rugby Club Half Term

Fylde Rugby Club are having an October half term rugby and multi sports camp for children ages 12-16. It's over two days starting on Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 of October. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Finally

Many congratulations to a recent former pupil, Alice who achieved a Bronze Medal at the recent Commonwealth games with her Rhythmic Gymnastic Team. We wish Alice well as she prepares to begin her University Studies.

As I write, the BBC has just announced the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As a school we offer our condolences to the Royal Family and will mark this momentous event appropriately in school. I will inform you of any possible school closure once we have details of the Queen's funeral and direction from the Department of Education.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher