

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter break and are ready for the exciting summer term ahead.

This term is particularly important for our Year 11 students as their exams are just around the corner. We wish them the very best as they prepare for this significant milestone, and we are here to support them every step of the way.

Before the holidays, we were thrilled to see such a fantastic uptake in our school clubs. It was wonderful to witness so many of you engaging in activities and making the most of these opportunities. We hope this enthusiasm continues, and we encourage even more students to get involved this term.

Let's make it a great term together! Let me know if there's anything else you'd like me to include.

Vaping – A Serious Concern

We want to readdress a growing concern nationally—the epidemic of vaping among young people. As many of you may be aware, vaping has become increasingly common, but it comes with serious risks to both health and well-being. We have delivered assemblies to all students and will continue to do so, focusing on the dangers of vaping, highlighting both the health risks and the legal consequences. A growing concern is the use of illegal substances such as THC in vapes. THC, the active compound in cannabis, poses severe health risks and carries significant legal consequences, including police intervention for those found in possession or use. Vaping THC not only violates school policies but also endangers young people's futures by exposing them to criminal proceedings.

There are strict sanctions in place at our school if any student is found with a vape or is caught engaging in vaping-related activities. We take these matters seriously and are committed to promoting safe, healthy choices among our students.

If you have any concerns about your child's involvement with vaping or THC, or if you would like further support, please don't hesitate to contact your GP or a trusted professional. Your partnership in addressing this issue is vital.

Attendance

Attendance matters more than you might think. Recent research from the Department for Education highlights the long-term impact of school absence on future earnings. For each additional day of absence during secondary school years, the typical student could miss out on an average of £750 in lifetime earnings. Persistently absent pupils may earn up to £10,000 less by the age of 28 compared to their peers with near-perfect attendance. These findings underscore the importance of regular attendance, not just for academic success but for securing brighter financial prospects in the future. Let's work together to ensure every student makes the most of their time in school!

Upcoming important dates

Year 8 Parents Evening – Thursday 24th April 2025
Year 10 Parents Evening – Thursday 1st May 2025
Year 7 Parents Evening – Thursday 15th May 2025

As we begin this next half-term, our focus remains on delivering the highest quality experience for all our students, ensuring their academic growth and personal development are nurtured every step of the way. It's inspiring to see how our school community continues to flourish and adapt, driven by the shared dedication and support of everyone involved.

Thank you for being such an integral part of our journey. We're excited for a successful and uplifting term ahead!

Yours sincerely,



Mr M Azum - Head of School