



13 November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

As we head into last few weeks of the winter term there are a number of important updates and announcements for you to be aware of.

Building Project Delay

Whilst we have not experienced the same level of flooding that have been seen in other parts of the county, the heavy rainfall over the last few weeks has created a number of problems for us, particularly with our new build timetable. This was especially true of last week when we made very little progress.

As such, we have had to agree a delay in the handover of the first building (The Sports and Arts block) until February half-term. Whilst this is frustrating, it is an unavoidable consequence of some of the heaviest autumn rainfall this decade. We hope the delay will also act as a buffer against any further construction time lost to inclement weather.

Training Days/End of Winter Term and Start of Spring Term Arrangements

There are no plans to change the training days either side of Christmas. These have already been planned and I know many parents/carers have already made plans for these days. On Friday 20 December, staff will be involved in training that focuses on teaching students with special educational needs and on 07 January we will be continuing the ongoing work to develop the quality of our curriculum across key stages.

Term therefore finishes for Christmas on Thursday 19 December. Students will be dismissed at 12.10pm, the end of period 3. For any students who wish to eat in school before leaving, lunch will be available from 12.15pm. If you would like to take advantage of this facility, please let school reception know by Monday 16 December so that we may ensure provision is arranged.

The new spring term begins for all students on Wednesday 08 January 2020 at 8.30 am.

Uniform

It has been fantastic to see so many students wearing the new uniform with such pride. It is worth taking the opportunity to remind parents/carers that the uniform becomes compulsory for all students in Years 7-10 from Easter 2020, i.e. from the start of summer term. I know the majority of students have already transitioned into the new PE kit. Students in Years 8-10 will still be able to wear the old PE kit until they finish KS4, but should replace their kit with the new one as and when its life-cycle ends.

Charity Christmas Jumper Day

The 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day' is on Friday 13 December, we will be wearing our Christmas jumpers on this day. Students and staff will have the opportunity to donate £1 for the right to replace their school jumper for a 'Christmas Jumper' on this day (all other uniform items are required) and all the proceeds will go directly to 'Save the Children'.

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PTA Pub Quiz Night

I would like to thank the PTA for their work in continuing to raise money for the school at a time when financial restraints are still placing pressure on schools. Their work is crucial, not only in raising funds but also in creating a community ethos around the school. The next key event is the 'Pre-Xmas Pub Quiz' taking place this Friday 15 of November, 8:00pm at Coopers. The PTA would love to see as many of you there as possible.

I look forward to a productive last few weeks of the winter term and will update parents/carers shortly before the Christmas break with news of progress on the building project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Clayton', written in a cursive style.

Mr P Clayton
Headteacher