

10 July 2019



Dear Parent/Carer

As we rapidly approach the end of term, I wanted to bring to your attention some key dates and initiatives.

On Thursday 18 July 2019, all students including Sixth Form, will be taking part in our second Immersion Learning day. The day has been jointly planned by different curriculum areas to provide a series of activities, opportunities and experiences promoting a range of learning skills. Due to the practical nature of most activities students will be expected to wear their PE kit on that day.

On 19 July 2019, students will be attending lessons as usual in the morning. There will be a presentation of Sports Day Medals and Awards before lunch, as has been the format of previous years. However, lunchtime on that day will be reduced to thirty minutes, so that the final House Trophy presentation can take place slightly earlier than usual. Following the presentations, students will be allowed to leave early, approximately 1.30pm. All students must wear normal school uniform.

Please note that there will be some major demolition/building work taking place over the Summer break and access to the premises will be via Aylesbury Street West only. The entrance off Stratford Road will not be accessible.

The start of the Autumn term for our new Year 7 students only will begin at 8.20am on Wednesday 4 September 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to ask parents/carers to ensure that students return to school in full uniform and fully equipped ready for a good start to the year. For Years 8 to 11 the term will start at 8.20am on Thursday 5 September 2019.

Following the consultation with parents/carers, staff and students we have revised our Mobile Phone policy with effect from September 2019. The policy is now that all mobile phones are to be switched off and kept in student's bags for the day, including social times. The only exception is when under close supervision of a teacher to aid learning. The full policy is available on our web site.

We look forward to sharing your son/daughters progress with you as the new term progresses and details of the tutor evening will be issued early in the Autumn term.

Finally, I have been asked by our Council colleagues to remind our students to be aware of the need for vigilance when enjoying the summer weather by staying away from deep water/canals etc and remembering the need for road safety when walking/cycling/skating near our busy roads.

Have a safe and restful holiday and I wish you all a very happy and successful year ahead.

Yours sincerely

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