



Newsletter – September 2016

Welcome Back

It was great to see our new students on Monday and the rest of our students on Tuesday. We know some of them have got out of the routine of an early get-up but hopefully they will remember how to do this quickly!

***** School Timings from September 2016 *****

This year the end of the school day finishes earlier

School starts at 8.15 am

(The expectation is that every student is in school NO LATER than 8.10 am)

Year 7, 8, 9 - Monday to Thursday - school finishes at 3.05 pm

Friday - school finishes at 1.40 pm

YEAR 10 students will finish at 5.00 pm every MONDAY

(They will be involved in either an additional GCSE subject or private study)
This is likely to begin on Monday 17th September but we will write to year 10 parents to inform them of the start date.

Lateness

A small number of students arrive late to school. The majority of those late are being dropped off by parents on time but some meet friends at school and then go up to the shops. As a result they are late. We will write to you on Friday if we have concerns about your child's lateness.

Parking

We continue to ask that if you are picking up your child please park in the car park or pick up your child from Midland Road. At times the road is incredibly congested and students have to dodge between the cars putting themselves at great risk. This arrangement is even more important to observe as we have additional students this year.

I regularly send this message out and a small number of parents always ignore it.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU DOUBLE PARK AS THIS CAUSES A HUGE AMOUNT OF TENSION.

PLEASE DO NOT PICK UP YOUR CHILD FROM THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.

Park in either the car park or park on Midland Road and ask your child to walk down the hill.

If you send a taxi for your child, again, can you ask them to pick them up from the car park and not the road in front of the school.

Uniform

For the most part I have been pleased with the appropriate wearing of uniform. We listened to our students who wanted to be able to wear black trainers and agreed with them – as long as they were plain black with no logos.

Enrichments

Students are all being issued with a letter to enable them to select what enrichments they would like to do during this term. It is anticipated that enrichments will start week commencing Monday 19th September. Please ensure that your child returns the form to school as soon as possible as places are limited.

EID

We would like to wish those students and staff who are celebrating Eid on Monday a happy Eid. We will authorize a day of absence for those celebrating Eid on Monday. We expect every student to return to school on TUESDAY 13th September. Any student not attending school on that day will be marked in the register as an unauthorised absence.

Our school will be open for those who are not celebrating Eid but we will put on a different programme for that day – although we will finish at our usual time of 3.05 pm.

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Jez Stockill, Principal