16.06.22

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic start back to the final half term of the academic year and with just 6 weeks left there is still lots to look forward to and achieve.

Our brilliant Year 11 have just completed their final exams and have begun their study leave, although we look forward to their return WC 20.06.22 to say goodbye properly with some end of term trips and celebrations. Their last day officially 24.06.22.

Their effort in exams has been just unbelievable, we are incredibly proud of them and we wish them the best of luck come August with their results. They have worked incredibly hard this year and rooting for there happiness and satisfaction of outcomes.

I am asking for your support with some familiar themes and challenges and of course we are here to talk and discuss further, any elements of this communication that need some greater understanding and discussion.

I wrote to you all in September 2021 with the following;

*‘The internet is an inherently very unsafe place if we don’t reliably know who our children are interacting with online. Peer on Peer abuse is increasingly prevalent and the latest guidance demands that schools address this robustly. Please let me reassure you that we have been alive to this risk for many years and we continue to improve our already proactive and vigilant supervision and practice in light of the latest guidance in the Keeping Children Safe In Education (2021, part 1) document.’*

Please support us by ensuring that mobile phones are not brought into school; This has been a recurrent message, and I will have to confiscate them going forward if they continue to be secreted in coats or tracksuit bottoms and can only returned to the parents.

On mobile phones; I wrote to you on 30th September 21

*‘The children can make poor decisions with their phones and it is for this reason and many others we hold our position that they are not allowed in school. What is the point in secure filters on our own IT systems if children can access the internet on their phone? Phones are not needed and create all kinds of risks and mischief and distractions in school.’*

Please can you also ensure uniform is worn unless there is a college or work placement to attend. From September 2022, the year 11’s will wear the school uniform. I understand there are some sensory issues and so a plain black t-shirt is perfectly acceptable alongside black tracksuit bottoms, black trainers and the schools jumper.

We have been blessed with the weather recently and given it is the summer term, there is no need for coats to be worn in class and so again we are asking for your support with this.

Is there anything we can support you with?

If so please contact me or the team

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