



Diary Dates:

- 12/1/17 Prospective Parents Open Afternoon 2pm-3pm**
- 9 & 16/1/17 Y5 Parents' Feedback Meeting: 12:15pm-4:30pm 1:1 appointments 15 minutes**
- 18/1/17 Young Voices at the 02**
- 19 & 26/1/17 Y6 Parents' Feedback Meeting 12:15pm-4:30pm 1:1 appointments 15 minutes**
- 30/1/16 Big Sing**
- 2/2/17 Y7 Parents' Evening Eng/Maths/Sci only 3:45pm-6:30pm**
- 7/2/17 Y7 Parents' Evening Eng/Maths/Sci only 3:45pm-6:30pm**
- 21/2/17 Action Plan Meeting 6pm**
- 27/2/17 Y8 Visit Tate Gallery**
- 2/3/17 Y8 Parents' Evening 3:45pm-6:30pm Action Plan Meeting - 6pm**
- 7/3/17 Y8 Parents' Evening 3:45pm-6:30pm**
- 14/3/17 Y6 Parents' Feedback Meeting - Eng & Maths 12:15pm-4:30pm**
- 21/3/17 Y6 Parents' Feedback Meeting - Eng & Maths 12:15pm-4:30pm**
- 27-30/3/17 Normandy Visit**

Snow days!

Better to be prepared! Please read the School Snow Procedure letter. In the event of heavy snowfall, there may be an occasion where we need to close the school during the day. However, we are unable to send pupils home with another parent without consent. Please write in the back of your child's ROA that you give permission for your child to go home with another family for example:

In the event of emergency school closure I give permission for xxxxxxx to collect my child from school.

Book looks:

Year 7 and Year 8 books will be accessible this week and next week. If you would like to see your child's progress, please make sure that you encourage them to bring their book home this weekend or next week. We would actively encourage you to do this but please make sure your child RETURNS them to school!

Year 5 and 6 Parents' meetings:

Thank you for using the new booking system in order to secure your places at the parents' meetings. During these meetings the key focus will be on your child's progress in English, reading, writing and grammar and Maths. There will be opportunities to review your child's books in all subjects.

Catch-up for Year 7 students: Maths tuition has started in earnest; thank you for making sure your child attends their session. Please be aware if their attendance drops, they will forfeit their place to another student. Literacy support begins this Saturday tutored by Ms Lacey. Jo Gant will also be in attendance to support during the early sessions.

Homework Forum:

Thank you to those parents who attended the session and provided feedback on the amendments to our Homework Policy. Please note, your ideas are going to subject leaders this week. We will release your ideas and suggestions with our response next week. Teachers of Year 7 and Year 8 were reminded that homework for foundation subjects is every other week, not weekly.

While the vast majority of students are completing their homework on time and to a good standard, the Heads of Year will be tracking in depth homework completion this week and picking up those few, but persistent students, who are currently not returning all their homework on time and to the best of their ability.

Head of Year reports:

This week Heads of Year will be reviewing the latest data to ascertain which students 'attitude to learning' has slipped. If your child is sitting on 3C's or more, we will be contacting you to place them on a monitoring report to help reboot their commitment to work. Last half term's data evidence clearly showed where students were placed on a monitoring report with their tutor and/or Head of Year, significant impact was made in improving their behaviour and attitude to learning.

Welcome

Liz Williams joins us as a Higher Learning Support Assistant working with maths and English on interventions. We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Anya Earnshaw, who will take over Mrs Sibley's class 5G and the role of Head of Year 5 for this year.

**Jo Gant
Headteacher**

Snow procedure letter