

25 May 2021

Dear students and parents

A few items to be aware of:

### **Free School Meals**

For those in receipt of free school meals, vouchers for the half term holiday will be sent out on Wednesday 26 May 2021.

### **Mobile Phone Policy**

On Friday 17 July 2020 I wrote to parents regarding a temporary change to the academy mobile phone policy:

*We are making a temporary adjustment to the academy mobile phone policy. We have identified that there may well be issues in the practice of lending dictionaries, calculators and the shared use of laptops. Therefore, students who have data enabled mobile phones will be allowed to use them in lessons, under the direction of the classroom teacher. Phones may be kept in student blazers but must be turned off unless directed by a classroom teacher. **Unsupervised use around the school site is still prohibited.***

Despite the easing of restrictions in wider society the only adjustment we have been allowed to make in school is the removal of the need to wear masks. Therefore, the use of mobile phones is still governed by this earlier advice. However, we are seeing more use of mobile phones around the school in unsupervised areas and I need to remind parents and students that this is still prohibited; the phone will be confiscated and will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. I am suspending the need for parents to come in and collect the phone. The academy does reserve the right to ask parents to come in and collect the phones if confiscation is repeatedly occurring.

Year 12 phone usage should be restricted to the classrooms and the common room.

### **Sports Day**

Weather permitting, we are intending to have a sports day on Tuesday 13 July 2021. In the afternoon, Year 7 and 8 students will be competing, and I would just like to alert parents that if restrictions allow, we will be inviting parents to spectate. More details will follow regarding this but just advance warning to save the date.

### **Inset day**

A reminder that Monday 14 June 2021 is an INSET day to allow for the final moderation and uploading of Year 11 and 13 students grades to the exam boards. No students will be on site on this day.

Best wishes



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