

26th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you are all well and have enjoyed the change in weather that has brought us some sunshine - I know we all have at school!

Since I last wrote to you all, we are now approaching the halfway point of our summer examination season. Year 6 have finished their SATS, Year 2 have had their assessments, moderation is happening after half term and Year 11 and 13 have completed the first ten days of exams. That means after half term, we have less than three weeks until all exams have finished and then it is Year 6 results time! To say it has been busy is an understatement, but the one thing I must share with our parents is how resilient and fantastic our students have been. Such positivity from our lovely Year 6 and some confidence from our older students in how the exams have gone. It is half term now and it is important that our young people don't view this as a week off! It is a week for lots of relaxing - and a week of lots of hard work and revision!

Earlier in the week, Mr Taylor shared with all Upper School students on Tuesday morning that he will be sadly departing at the end of this academic year. Mr Taylor has been with us for nearly five years and I know that many people at the school will miss seeing him and working alongside him. I am sure he will write to you all before he leaves us in the summer. He is moving to lead a school in another Local authority. This has meant that a new secondary school Headteacher would be needed. Throughout this week, following a rigorous and immensely challenging interview process, I am delighted to announce that an appointment has been made. I will write to you and introduce our new secondary Headteacher shortly when a public announcement can be made.

For parents of our Upper School, I would like you to all be aware of our focus and drive for the continuation of improving standards and expectations:

Climate for Learning Focus; Be Ambitious in Making Yourself Prepared

All students are expected to come to school each day with the necessary equipment to take an active part in their lessons.

Every morning registration a **REP** check will be carried out to ensure that all students have the following with them:

Reading book
Equipment
Planner (provided by the school)

Essential Equipment

- Black or blue Ballpoint pen
- Green ballpoint pen
- Pencil

- Pencil eraser and pencil sharpener
- Ruler 30cm /12"
- Coloured Pencils
- Calculator
- Pencil case (labelled with student name)
- Pocket English dictionary

Students should have their **PLANNER** and a **READING BOOK** with them at all times. Please can we ask that over the half term, you check that your child has all the equipment they need so they are prepared for their learning and ready for the last seven weeks of the academic year. I am not sure where the year has gone....

Wishing you all a lovely half term and a peaceful bank holiday weekend. See you all next month, in June!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R Denial', written in black ink.

R Denial
Executive Headteacher