



Dear Parents and Carers,

6th October 2023

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 6 parents to our Parents Evening on Thursday 12th October. It starts at 5pm and if you have a child in Year 6 we would love to see you. We also have lots of students supporting with subjects in the evening, thank you to them for being part of this event.

Time is flying very quickly and we are approaching half term. I have attached some activities that are available during the half term to this letter. These are really popular and some are funded for students who receive free school meals, please do have a look and sign up. Holiday free school meals vouchers will be emailed to parents at the beginning of the holidays, there will also be vouchers for the second week and we are working with our Trust to make sure these are made available as easily as possible. We have also had notification of a club available for young people with additional needs and I have attached the information.

We have seen an increase in parents taking students on term time holidays. We actively discourage this as this equates to lost learning, and we do issue fines where necessary. School attendance is a big focus nationally and in our school and we want to work with you to support your child to be in school as much as possible, with the goal of every day. We understand that children do get unwell sometimes, and remind you to please contact us if your child is not going to be in school. We also remind you to please make appointments out of school time where possible, and where not possible encourage you to do appointments after 1.45pm so that whole days of school are not missed.

I wanted to remind you of the mental health support information evening for parents on Wednesday 11th October at 6pm. It would be really good to see as many parents there as possible to hear about how we are working with other agencies to support wellbeing in our young people, and with information how you can support at home. We know that it is sometimes really tricky being a parent, and working together can really help us to support your child.

We are evaluating our use of online parents evenings as we have had recent feedback from some parents and indeed staff that they would prefer face to face. We would welcome your feedback in the online form - <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=flzQy2QFTEapyFTpF10s7jFQtZck4z5Htubbcx006PhUREs4WDIzOTNONTcyRFhIV0swOVUwNUJIRy4u> and we will use this to inform the decisions we make moving forward. We know that it won't suit everybody whatever decision we make but just wanted to gain parent views.

As ever please do get in touch with us if there is anything we can do to support your child.

Best wishes,

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