

Headteacher's Letter

20th July 2018

Dear Parent

This letter has been emailed to all parents of the coming Year 8 to Year 11. We have also included the Key Dates for 2018-2019. If we do not have an email contact for you we have posted this letter to ensure you receive this information. Should you require paper copies of any of the information referred to please do contact us to request this.

Our latest newsletter for the Summer Term is also about to be published and you can read more about all the activities and experiences our pupils and staff have been involved in this term. This can also be viewed on our school website and paper copies are always available in school.

School Uniform:

A full list of our school uniform is available on the school website. If you type 'school uniform' into the main search bar on our home page you will find full details and you can download our uniform guide.

We thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining a high standard of uniform. We will, as always, be checking pupils are in the correct full uniform at the start of the Autumn Term. We continue to keep our uniform simple and practical with no confusion regarding the style of skirts and trousers allowed. Please note pupils were allowed to wear shorts for the last few weeks of this term due to the very hot weather but are expected to be back in full uniform from September.

Trips and Visits Calendar 2018-2019:

We are always very enthusiastic about offering our pupils as many opportunities, trips and experiences as possible outside of the classroom. We will shortly produce a Trips and Visits Calendar setting out the activities planned for 2018-2019. This will be published in September and we hope parents will find this useful again for planning ahead. We may, however, still offer some additional opportunities that come up unexpectedly during the year.

Free school meals

The criteria for the above had recently changed and we have revised the information on our school website. I would encourage you to consider applying if you think your child may be eligible and you have not previously applied for this support. Your child may not wish to take up the free school lunch this includes but it does mean the school will receive additional funding we can put towards your child's education. Should you wish to discuss or have any queries about the application process please do not hesitate to contact us.

Opportunities to train to teach

The need for good teachers in schools continues to be as great as ever. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a secondary school teacher please look at the information on our website about the two training partnerships our school is working in called SUPA Salisbury and the Rural Schools Alliance. I am also happy to have an informal chat about the training opportunities available if you would like to contact me.

Attendance Policy and Procedure:

We value the support of all parents to ensure their child's attendance at school and your recognition of the importance of high attendance. My discretion to approve requests for leave of absence for pupils is significantly reduced due to the changes from September 2015 schools are required to follow. Parents have also previously been made aware of the introduction of penalty notices procedures with regard to unauthorised non-attendance.

Our Attendance Policy, Leave of Absence Procedure and information on penalty notices can all be viewed on the school website. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's attendance or a possible Leave of Absence request.

Staff News:

We are very sorry to be losing some staff at the end of term. We wish them all the very best for the future and thank them for their commitment and support to our pupils and school:

- Mrs Boswell (Headteacher's PA) is leaving due to a family move
- Ms Gillard and Mr Mackriell (Cover Supervisors) are leaving to start teacher training courses
- Mr Hill (Year 9 Coordinator and PE Teacher) is moving to a promoted post in a new school
- Mrs Hudson (Food/Textiles Teacher) is retiring after 22 years of service
- Mrs MacDonald (Mathematics Teacher) stepped in short term
- Mrs Needs (Librarian) is leaving for a promoted post in a new school
- Mr Slater (Art Subject Leader) is retiring after almost 14 years of service

We have already welcomed three new staff this half term who will be with us next year. We wish them every success and hope they will enjoy being part of our school community:

- Mrs Arding (Second in Science)
- Ms Boddington (Science Teacher)
- Mr Stephens (Mathematics Teacher)

We wish Mrs Luckham (Mathematics Teacher) and Mrs Knight (MFL Teacher) very best wishes as they start their maternity leaves.

I would like to confirm the following internal appointments from September:

- Ms Attree: Year 10 Co-ordinator (current Year 9) and Geography Subject Leader
- Mrs Osborne: Head of Humanities, in additional to current roles
- Mrs Stubbs – Head of Arts, in additional to current roles

I am pleased to confirm we are fully staffed for September and I look forward to confirming our other new appointments when they start with us. We do, however, send our best wishes to Mrs Berry (English Teacher) who continues to be away due to a long term absence.

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School Site News:

The refurbishment of the ROSLA Building has continued throughout this year and we are pleased to report this is almost completed. We are hoping the building will be ready for September as the project enters its final stages. The upgrading of the toilet facilities in this building are also expected to be underway later in the Autumn Term.

Looking forward

The senior team, governing body and staff have been working hard on planning for next year. We are committed to keep taking our school forward and working hard to secure improvement. Our key priority remains ensuring our pupils are supported and challenged to succeed and achieve at high levels. This has included reviews of our curriculum as well as our behaviour management policy and procedures. I will write further to parents early in September about any changes from the Autumn Term. We are also changing the timings of the school day (moving to six lessons of fifty minutes each) and operating a one-week timetable from September. It will not change the start and finish times of 8.50am and 3.20pm. I have previously written to parents regarding this and would remind you of the new times as follows:

- 8.50am - 9.10am: Registration
- 9.10am - 10.00am: Period One
- 10.00 - 10.50am: Period Two
- 10.50am - 11.10am: Break
- 11.10am - 12.00: Period Three
- 12.00 - 12.50pm: Period Four
- 12.50pm - 1.35pm: Lunch
- 1.35pm - 2.30pm: Period Five (to include registration)
- 2.30pm - 3.20pm: Period Six

GCSE Results:

We look forward to welcoming Year 11 pupils back to school on Thursday August 23rd from 10.00am until 11.00am to receive their examination results.

Final Remarks:

Finally, I would like to thank parents for your continued support over the course of this year. I look forward to working in partnership with all parents again in the next school year and take this opportunity of welcoming parents of pupils who have recently joined us.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to welcoming pupils back in September: **Tuesday September 4th at 8.50am for our new Year 7 pupils and Wednesday September 5th at 8.50am for all other pupils.**

Yours Sincerely

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Key Dates for Parents 2018-19

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3rd September 2018	STAFF INSET: School closed to pupils
Tuesday 4th September 2018	Autumn Term commences for Year 7 only
Wednesday 5th September 2018	Autumn Term commences for Years 8-11
Thursday 20th September 2018	Year 7 Parents' Information Evening: 6.00-8.00pm
Monday 24th September 2018	Open Evening 6-8pm
Thursday 27th September 2018	Open Morning 9.15-10.30am
Friday 28th September 2018	Open Morning 9.15-10.30am
Tuesday 4th October 2018	Year 11 Parents' Information Evening: 6.00-8:00pm
Thursday 11 th October 2018	Whole school PSHE Day
Monday 18 th October 2018	Year 7 Tutors Evening Main Hall: 4.30-6.30pm
Friday 19th October 2018	School closes to pupils for half-term
Monday 29 th October 2018	STAFF INSET: School closed to pupils
Tuesday 30th October 2018	School re-opens to pupils
Thursday 1st November 2018	Year 10 Parents' Information Evening: Introduction to KS4 6.00-8.00pm
Wednesday 7th November 2018	Year 11 Practice Examinations commence
Thursday 8 th November 2018	Yr 8 Parent's Information Evening: 6.00-8.00pm
Monday 19th November 2018	Year 11 Practice Examinations end
Tuesday 20 th November 2018	Yr 11 GCSE Presentation Evening: 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Thursday 29 th November 2018	YR 8 Monitoring data published to parents
Friday 30 th November 2018	Whole School PSHE Day Year 9 Monitoring data published to parents
Thursday 6th December 2018	Year 10 Monitoring data published to parents
Friday 7th December 2018	Year 7 Monitoring data published to parents
Thursday 13 th December 2018	Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening - Main Hall - 4.30-7.30pm Yr 11 Monitoring data published to parents
Thursday 20 th December 2018	Last day of the Autumn Term for pupils
Friday 21st December 2018	STAFF INSET: School closed to pupils

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January 2019	Spring Term commences for pupils
Thursday 10th January 2019	Year 11 Parents Consultation Evening Main Hall 4.30-7.30pm
Tuesday 15 th January 2019	Whole School PSHE Day
Thursday 24th January 2019	Year 10 Parents Consultation Evening Main Hall 4.30-7.30pm
Thursday 31 st January 2019	STAFF INSET: School closed to pupils
Friday 1 st February 2019	STAFF INSET: School closed to pupils
Thursday 7 th February 2019	Year 7 Parents Consultation Evening Main Hall 4.30-7.30pm
Wednesday 13th February 2019	School Production
Thursday 14 th February 2019	School Production
Friday 15th February 2019	School closes to pupils for half-term
Monday 25th February 2019	School re-opens to pupils
Tuesday 26 th February 2019	Year 11 Second Practice Examinations (Core subjects only) commence Year 9 Examinations commence
Wednesday 27 th February 2019	Year 9 Futures Day (Careers information)
Monday 11 th March 2019	Year 9 Examinations end



Thursday 14 th March 2019	Year 9 Parents' Information Evening – (Pathways) - Main Hall 6.00 -8.00pm Year 10 Pupil Monitoring Data published to parents
Friday 15 th March 2019	Year 8 Pupil Monitoring Data published to parents
Thursday 21 st March 2019	Year 7 Pupil Monitoring Data published to parents
Tuesday 26 th March 2019	Year 9 Pupil Monitoring Data and Reports published to parents
Thursday 28 th March 2019	Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening Main Hall 4.30-7.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd April 2019	Year 11 Pupil Monitoring Data published to parents Year 9 Pathways Form deadline
Friday 5 th April 2019	End of Spring Term

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	Summer Term commences for pupils
Monday 6 th May 2019	School closed Bank Holiday
Friday 10 th May 2019	Stockfest
Tuesday 14 th May 2019	GCSE Examinations commence
Thursday 16 th May 2019	Year 8 Examinations commence
Friday 24 th May 2019	Year 8 Examinations end School closes to pupils for half-term
Monday 3 rd June 2019	School re-opens to pupils Year 7 Examinations commence
Monday 10 th June 2019	Year 10 Examinations commence
Friday 14 th June 2019	Year 7 Examinations end
Friday 21 st June 2019	GCSE and Year 10 Examinations end
Tuesday 25 th June 2019	Year 5 Taster Day
Wednesday 26 th June 2019	Whole School PSHE Day
Friday 28 th June 2019	Year 8 Pupil Monitoring data and Report published to parents
Monday 1 st July 2019	New Intake Parents Evening Primary Dance Festival Week
Tuesday 2 nd July 2019	New Year 7 Induction Day Year 10 College Taster Day
Thursday 4 th July 2019	Year 9 Pupil Monitoring data published to parents
Monday 8 th July 2019	Year 7 Pupil Monitoring data and Report published to parents
Tuesday 9 th July 2019	Year 10 Pupil Monitoring data and Report published to parents KS3 Sports Day
Thursday 11 th July 2019	Year 10 Sports Day
Monday 15 th July 2019	Activities Week commences
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	Celebration Assemblies Final Day of Summer Term for pupils