

Weekly Bulletin for Families

Message from the Head of School

This week has seen a very positive start to the summer term. As a staff body we are immensely proud of how smart our students are looking. Team leaders have worked hard this week, praising the large majority of students who have got their uniform spot on and speaking to the small minority who are nearly there. Students look smart and tidy in their black or grey trousers, compared to leggings or jeans. Likewise, virtually the whole school are in black footwear. Shirts are tucked in, ties and blazers are worn with pride. Our students look and feel ready to learn. Thank you very much for your support with this, we could not achieve this on our own.



Mrs H Philpott
Head of School

I would like to thank you also for reiterating the message around food. This week the change here has also been staggering. Very few students have forgotten the rules, resulting in minimal confiscation of food or drink. Students understand and are respecting the expectations. The school site looks tidier with a notable reduction in litter.

We continue to work with students, to help them understand the importance of punctuality, how it relates to their learning and progress along with how being on time shows respect for their teachers and peers. Punctuality is a life skill, one we hope to embed in all our students.

Thank you to Year 10 Parents and Carers who attended Parents' Evening on Thursday. Opportunities to share information on progress, attainment and well-being are so valuable. Working together to support our students, will have the greatest impact on their achievements. We also welcome parental communication, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to speaking to Year 8 Parents and Carers this Thursday.

Have a safe week,

Mrs H Philpott, Head of School

Forthcoming Events

There are many upcoming events in the Trust calendar this term, including a few necessary changes, and I wanted to take a moment to write to you all to clarify and explain what will be happening and the reasons behind these events.

This academic year has been like no other any of us have known before - students, parents and staff alike. As such, we need to ensure that the way we assess our students allows us to measure progress in subjects and identify gaps in knowledge but importantly also protect the well-being and enhance exam confidence of our learners. This has all been discussed in great detail by the leaders across the trust to ensure we strike the right balance for our students.

PCP4 deadline

The PCP4 deadline has been moved to the last week of term. This move allows for additional time between assessments and relieves some of the pressure associated with assessment week. It also allows for staff to have half term and 3 additional weeks to mark assessments and submit the data and reports.

KS3

We have made the decision not to go ahead with a formal KS3 exams week to support the wellbeing of our students. To ensure that we can still get an accurate picture of how our students are performing, internal classroom assessments will take place in preparation for PCP4. These will be in the form of topic tests and lesson feedback.

Year 10

Y10 Mock exams will be sat 2 weeks before May half term (week commencing 17th May) and will be spread over these last 2 weeks. Exams will be predominately in class with access arrangements in place if the student has been assessed to require these. We hope that these exams will give students the crucial experience of completing exam questions, be supportive and boost their confidence after the disruption caused due to lockdown.

Mr J Pentney, Assistant Head of School - Progress and Standards

Dates For Your Diary

Year 7

Friday 25 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 data entry deadline (all years)

Monday 28 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 checking week

Monday 5 July: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 8

Thursday 29 April: Progress Evening (Virtual)

Friday 25 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 data entry deadline (all years)

Monday 28 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 checking week

Monday 5 July: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 9

Monday 21 June: Year 9/10 “Is University for You?” Evening

Friday 25 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 data entry deadline (all years)

Monday 28 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 checking week

Monday 5 July: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 10

Thursday 22 April: Progress Evening (Virtual)

Monday 17 May - Friday 28 May: Mock Examinations

Monday 21 June: Year 9/10 “Is University for You?” Evening

Friday 25 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 data entry deadline (all years)

Monday 28 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 checking week

Monday 5 July: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 11

Monday 19 April - Friday 14 May: Y11 assessments

Monday 24 May: Data capture point 1. CAG – all subjects

Wednesday 26 May - Friday 28 May: School and Trust Q&A scrutiny of CAGs

Wednesday 10 June: Final data entry

Tuesday 16 June: Head of school signs off CAG grades

Wednesday 17 June: CAG grades submitted to the exam board

Parents' and Carers' Open Forum

Tuesday 4 May: 9.30 – 10.30am

Friday 25 June: 9.30 – 10.30am

Year 6 Into 7 Transition

Wednesday 16 June: Transition Evening/ Meet the Tutor (5.00 - 7.00pm)

Tuesday 29 - Wednesday 30 June: Transition Days