



Update from the Principal

Friday 4 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I really hope you managed to get a break over half term, despite the rain and wind. Now we are back at school it is nice to see some sunshine and see the days getting longer as we move into Spring.

Uniform & Behaviour

I must offer my sincere thanks for the brilliant support you have given in raising the standard of uniform this half term. All week (with the exception of today's mufti day) we have a marked improvement and compliance from almost all pupils on meeting the expectations. We will continue to uphold these high standards and appreciate all that you are doing at home to help us.

The expectations around behaviour have also been demonstrated very well by the vast majority of pupils this week, with calmer corridors and very few incidents warranting further action. Lessons have been calm and purposeful with some really positive learning experiences across the school. Thank you for your support on helping us drive up expectations on how we all conduct ourselves around the school and in lessons.

Ukraine - Red Cross mufti Day

It is with immense pride that I can tell you we have so far (still some money yet to be counted) raised over **£2600** from today's mufti day, which is a school record! Some tutor groups raising over £80 each, which demonstrates the strength of feeling over this illegal aggression by President Putin.

The number of pupils and staff in blue and yellow has been fantastic, which was very important, as it shows a real connection with the reason for doing the day.

If other schools across the county had equally successful days, I think we can be very proud of what we have collectively all achieved. Thank you for your support.

We are currently coordinating the best way to collect various goods and then how to get them to the people of Ukraine. As mentioned in my email yesterday we will be in touch next week with an update.

In terms of how to address the wider issue of the war in Ukraine, if you need any help on this, there is advice available on this link: https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery



[Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation. - The Education Hub](#)

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is distressing and concerning, and we understand children and young people may have questions or be seeking reassurance. We know that schools are well placed to talk to pupils about the images they are seeing and ...

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Directors

After 4 years of service, 3 years as Chair of the Academy Board, we have said our farewells to Tony Settle this week as he has passed the baton on to Gary Piper.

Tony has been a fantastic member of the academy board and been a real advocate for the school in his time with us. He has been a positive influence and significantly helped in moving the school forward with many ideas and projects. Although we will miss him in directors' meetings, he will still be in the background as a Member.

If you would like to find out more about our board of directors, please do contact us for more information.

Vacancies

We have the following vacancies. Please see our vacancies page for further information <https://www.eteach.com/careers/huishepiscopi/>:

Cook - 30 hrs per week

Teaching Assistant – 30 hrs per week.

With best wishes.

Mr Chris Wade
Principal