

Update from the Principal

Friday 18 March 2022

Dear parents / carers,

What a difference a little bit of sun makes! The days are brightening up and finally we can allow pupils back on to the lower field for some play time.

Uniform

Many thanks for your continued support with uniform expectations. Myself and Mr Vaughan stand on the school gate every morning to welcome the pupils in and I have to say that finding white socks, non-uniform jumpers or inappropriate jewellery is very rare at the moment. It is great to be able to compliment pupils on how smart they look when they come in.

Attendance

You are probably aware from the news that nationally the attendance figures are much lower than normal due to Covid illness. We have not been immune to this impact either and currently we are below where we want to be. Of course, if pupils are ill they shouldn't be in school, but where they possibly could come in we are really encouraging them to do so. Even 1 day off a fortnight has a significant impact on overall progress. We will be awarding House points at the end of each half term to the House with the best attendance until the end of the year. We will also be giving vouchers and prizes for those with strong attendance. If you are concerned about your child's attendance to school, please contact your head of House or form tutor.

House Competition

Chelston are still at the top of the board this week, but with the football and netball competitions currently happening, it is possible the gaps will continue to close, making it much more interesting towards the end of the year.



Mock exams

Year 11 and 13 students have been tackling the last set of mock exams over the past two weeks; before the final push to the real thing in the summer. Having spoken to Heads of Department where papers have already been marked, the overwhelming message is that those who have put in the work and studied outside of school have done well, but those who haven't have performed less well. We tell the students every year that they have to put in the hours in order to do well, lesson time just isn't enough. Ultimately pupils get the grade they deserve and I have never heard anyone tell me on results day that they did too much, it's always the opposite! There is still time, but the window of opportunity to get started is narrowing. If you have the chance to reinforce this message at home, we will all be saying the same thing, so hopefully it might make a difference.

Oliver!

The tickets are now on sale for our amazing show - Oliver! The pupils and staff have been working really hard to create a fantastic performance, I hear them singing from across the corridor a lot and they sound brilliant. Capacity is limited so please book quickly to secure you place to this terrific show. Performances are 30th and 31st March, and 1st April (no that isn't a joke!), doors open at 6.15pm. Once you've seen it "Consider yourself" entertained.

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

With best wishes.

Mr Chris Wade
Principal