

8 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome back all students during this week and myself, members of the senior team and Heads of Year spoke with all year groups in our welcome back assemblies. Visiting students in lessons it is clear that they have returned focused on positive learning within their classrooms.

On Wednesday we welcomed our new Year 7 and 12 students back into school. The staggered start to term allowed us to fully support those students joining us for the first time in Year 7 and those in Year 12 who are making the transition to their Sixth Form studies. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the parents of our new students and hope that your child has a happy and successful time at school.

Uniform

I would like to thank parents and students for supporting our expectations around uniform as we begin the academic year. The overwhelming majority of students have arrived each day looking exceptionally smart and wearing the full correct uniform. As we have previously said, we are able to support families who may need financial assistance in ensuring their child is dressed appropriately for school. Please do contact your child's Head of Year if you require assistance.

Like any good school, we are keen to ensure that we start the new academic year with the highest expectations for all of the pupils. Thank you to those many parents who have contacted us in support of this stance to uphold these high standards which cut across everything we do as a school. We do not want to keep returning to uniform expectations and hope that parents will support us with upholding this high standard so that all colleagues within school can focus on ensuring that students experience a high-quality learning experience within every classroom.

Year group information evenings

Year group information evenings will be taking place throughout the latter part of this half term. During the evening there will be presentations from members of staff to provide key information for your child's specific year group focusing on curriculum, homework, behaviour, extracurricular opportunities and character education specific to your child's year group. Ms Horsford, SENDCO, will also be present for the evening to provide specific SEND information. The dates for each year group are as follows;

- Year 7 - Thursday 28th September
- Year 8 - Wednesday 4th October
- Year 9 - Thursday 5th October
- Year 10 - Wednesday 18th October



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- Year 11 - Monday 9th October - this evening will combine with our exam success evening and will also provide information linked to GCSE examinations.

Open Evening – Thursday 21st September

Our school open evening takes place on Thursday 21st September. This is an important event in the school calendar when we welcome parents and carers of prospective students to the school. Each year many of our students participate in the evening as tour guides or by supporting in curriculum areas. Letters will be sent home with students next week with further information on the evening if they are planning to attend and support.

Thank you in advance for your continued support as we move through this term.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Boyes
Principal

KEY DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM	
20 September 2023	Year 12 Information Evening
21 September 2023	Open Evening 5:00 – 7:00 pm
27 September 2023	Year 13 Information Evening
27-29 September 2023	Year 8 Geography Fieldwork visit to Lulworth Cove
28 September 2023	Year 7 Information Evening
04 October 2023	Year 8 Information Evening
05 October 2023	Year 9 Information Evening
09 October 2023	Year 11 Information Evening
11 October 2023	Sixth Form Open Evening
18 October 2023	Year 10 Information Evening