

Head's message

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term has ended with a highly successful 'Flexible Learning Day' in which the academic curriculum was replaced by learning that is focussed on personal development and careers. On Wednesday the school was buzzing with a vast array of activities aimed at promoting our students' skills for life and facilitating opportunities to learn about careers; first aid and CPR; setting up a business; personal safety and cooking independently.

We were delighted to host so many guests from a plethora of professions and a good number of our Governors joined to support us. Staff and students are so grateful to all of them for their help, time and enthusiasm.

Here's what each year group got up to:

Year 7	CREATE THE DEBATE
Year 8	CAREERS CAROUSEL
Year 9	HEALTH - FIRE SERVICE 'HEART SHIELD' CPR TRAINING/PE ACTIVITIES/MENTAL HEALTH
Year 10	BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DAY
Year 11	SAFETY - RSE/ROAD SAFETY/CYBER/POLICE
Year 12	LIFE SKILLS/STUDY
Year 13	CAREERS CAROUSEL/UNIVERSITY OF READING

Feedback from Jonny Hunt who delivered workshops with our Year 11 students:

I have to say I was so impressed with your students - they were simply fantastic. I had a wonderful day - they completely bought into the sessions - had really thoughtful discussions around the different pressures for young men and young women when it comes to sex - the social scripts that dictate consent and attitudes to sex - they were awesome.

Comments about Jonny's workshop from Y11: 'amazing', 'inspirational', 'he made us feel comfortable talking about sex, which could have been awkward.'

Finally, I hope that students and staff have a great half term break, *Ms Bridge*



Events

Go4SET Engineering

Mr Wicks and Mrs Hancock have been so impressed with the number of applications they had from pupils wanting to take part in the Go4SET engineering project.

Go4SET is a project-based scheme linking teams of 4-6 Year 8 and 9 students with an Industrial Mentor to complete an environmental, school-based project.

We are planning to enter two teams of 6. Designed to assist students in becoming more “work ready”, and challenge the negative perceptions of industry, the scheme stimulates interest in STEM subjects by putting practical, softer skills into action within a project management scenario.

We have selected 12 pupils to offer the places to, and letters will follow shortly, but the remaining pupils will be kept on a reserves list in case a place later becomes available. The 12 pupils selected are:

Year 9:

Sophie M
Danielle H
Poppy S

Year 8:

Xanthippe M
Harmonie E
Jasmine C
Mikey W
Leo C
Mark J
D'Arcy C
Ben W
Samuel R



Further information about the scheme can be found on their website at:

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/go4set>



Events

WCG Apprenticeship Bus

On Tuesday 4th February the Apprenticeship team from WCG brought their big yellow bus to Kineton for our Year 10 students as part of Apprenticeship Week. The bus and stands featured a wide range of interactive activities which showcased careers in a variety of sectors ranging from construction to agricultural. Once on board the bus pupils watched a presentation highlighting the range of options available when considering apprenticeships. Further information can be found on their website at: <https://wcg.ac.uk/apprenticeships>



Coming up...

World Book Day Thursday 5th March

Matt Dickinson, Author, Adventurer and Film-maker, will be in school on Monday 2nd March to give a talk to our students and bring his own intrepid adventures alive with stunning pictures and video clips. Our students will be taken on a breath-taking tour of discovery to lands of ice and fire and the author will share how these experiences have inspired his writing. He will also run two workshops in the library.



Matt Dickinson is an award-winning writer and filmmaker with a passion for climbing and adventure. During his filmmaking career he has worked as a director/cameraman for National Geographic television, the Discovery Channel, the BBC and Channel 4. His film projects have taken him to Antarctica, Africa and the Himalaya, often in the company of the world's leading climbers and expeditioners. His most notable film success was 'Summit Fever' in which Matt reached the summit of Everest via the treacherous North Face. His book *The Death Zone* tells the true story of that ascent and has become a bestseller in many different countries.

Recently Matt has started writing fiction for teenage readers. His debut thriller series *Mortal Chaos* was well received by critics and readers alike. Matt has followed this up with *The Everest Files*, a dramatic and popular trilogy set on the world's highest mountain. *Lie Kill Walk Away* is his latest teen thriller, which won the Warwickshire Secondary Schools Book Award in 2018 and was a firm favourite with our students.

When he's not writing, Matt tours the UK, speaking at schools and colleges and inspiring a new generation of adventurers.

There will also be various activities during the week such as quizzes and readings in the library, and all students will be given a WBD token which they can swap for a WBD book or get £1 off a book of their choice (in book shops or some supermarkets).

On Thursday 5th March Year 7 will have a reading assembly and there will be a "story in a day", with teachers reading at the beginning of each lesson.



Trips

Duke of Edinburgh's Award



Bronze Training Day

Sunday 9th February saw the bronze group head out in to the wind and rain to start their navigation training. Unfortunately due to the weather we had to adapt our plans but still managed to get out and learn some map reading skills.

They were split into 3 groups each accompanied by school staff and qualified trainers from Venture Outdoor. Groups walked in the local area coping with lots of mud, wind and rain, and with help from the trainers students learnt how to orientate their maps, use their compass to work out the direction they should travel in and other landmarks that might help them find their way. It was a challenging day for them but all seemed to finish in good spirits if a little bit wet and cold. They are looking forward to the practice expedition when they will be in their own smaller groups finding their own way.

Gold Training Weekend

Friday 31st January to Sunday 2nd February was a fantastic weekend which started with us being dropped off at our destination and then we began a 5 hour trek to our youth hostel. We started by doing map reading in pairs and became familiar with compass work and map placement. After a few wrong turnings and arguing with our partners we finally found ourselves at the youth hostel and played cards till late enjoying the neighbours, working on our teamwork building human pyramids. On the second day we set off at 12 after route planning all morning for our following practicing expedition in April. We set off as a group and took it in turns to lead the team. We had a very steep uphill climb which we struggled with but made it nonetheless. We learnt things along the way such as appropriate places to camp, what to do in emergency situations and how to tell if waters drinkable. We carried on walking until it was pitch black (this was planned as we needed to learn night navigation skills) and at around 5 o'clock began to start walking back down. This was the most challenging part as the wind was so harsh and you could only see with your head torch. We made it back home at 7 o'clock after 7 hours of walking.

The following morning we had a big lie in as we were all aching. We began at 10 o'clock in our individual groups which we would be completing the qualifying expeditions in. We had to make our own decisions to get to the mini bus and after a few hours of sliding down hills we made it back to the mini bus covered in mud.

In conclusion, it was a brilliant weekend in which I picked up many tips such as how to read bearings, how to use a compass and just building up resilience when walking. I would recommend it to anyone considering doing this, despite being hard work it is amazing fun.

(student report)



Sports News

Athletics

On Thursday 6th February we hosted the South Warwickshire School Games Indoor Athletics for local schools. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all and our Student Sports Leaders did a fantastic job as always.



Football



Our Year 9 Boys team played a fantastic game against Southam College on Wednesday 5th February. The game finished 0-0. Player of the match: James P.

Gymnastics

On Monday 3rd February our 3 gymnastics teams took part in the South Warwickshire competition. They competed with great enthusiasm and did themselves and the school very proud. Congratulations go to Cameron M, Edward S and Katie B who finished in the top 3 males/ females.



Rugby



Our Year 10 Boys team played against Shipston School on Thursday 6th February. Both teams played well, with Shipston taking the win 48-12. Try: Matthew B and Jack M. Players of the match: Matthew B and Sam J.



Congratulations:

To Emily H and Mila F in Year 8 who took part in the Banbury Young Musician of the Year competition on Saturday 1st February with their group The Village Violin School. They chose to play a Lord of the Rings Medley in the Ensemble section and came 2nd place overall. Well done to Emily, Mila and all the members of the group, what a fantastic achievement.



Students of the week:

- ◆ Alex P and Lizzie A in Year 7
- ◆ Ryan B and Arthur T in Year 8
- ◆ Mia W and Sophie C in Year 9
- ◆ Charlotte P and Abigail G in Year 10
- ◆ Sam S and Lewis B in Year 11

Notices:

Coronavirus

A letter has been emailed to all parents/carers today with up to date information and guidance regarding the Coronavirus.

Family Fun Run

Kineton Sports and Social Club are holding a Family Fun Run on Sunday 29th March to raise funds for Kineton Guides and Scouts. Please see below for more details and a registration form.

Forthcoming events:

Dates from calendar/trips:

- ◆ *Half term - Monday 17th to Friday 21st February*
- ◆ *Year 13 Mock results day - Monday 24th February*
- ◆ *World Book day - Thursday 5th March*
- ◆ *Year 8 Options evening - Thursday 12th March*
- ◆ *Year 9 Parents Consultation evening - Tuesday 24th March*

Do follow us on Twitter where you can pick up ongoing news and information:

 [@KinetonHighSch](https://twitter.com/KinetonHighSch)

You can also follow our Art Department on Instagram:

 [kinetonhighschool_artdept](https://www.instagram.com/kinetonhighschool_artdept)

FAMILY FUN RUN

KINETON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
SUNDAY 29TH MARCH, 10.30 START

Come along and join in with Kineton's first fun run.
You can run, walk or even skip if you want to!



BBQ - FACE PAINTING – GLITTER TATOOS – STALLS - REFRESHMENTS

**ENTRY FORMS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM FLOWER
THYME or KINETON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

For information contact: ChristinaG@kinetonscouts.org

Sarah: 01926 641800

Fundraising for Kineton Guides and Scouts





FAMILY FUN RUN



Girlguiding

10k, 5k, 2k

Sunday 29th March 2020

All proceeds will go to equally to Kineton Scouts and Girlguiding

ENTRY FORM

One form per entrant!

Entry Fees :

Individual Adult £7.50

Individual Child £5.00

Adult and Child £10.00

Family Group £20.00

(2 adults / up to 4 children)

Please return completed forms and payment in a sealed, marked envelope to Kineton Primary School, Flower Thyme or to 11 Southam Street, Kineton by Sunday 15th March 2020.

Cheques to be made payable to 1st Kineton Scout Group marked with runners' names on the back please.

Surname _____ Address _____
 First Name _____
 Date of Birth _____
 Contact No _____ Postcode _____
 E-mail _____

Emergency Contact _____ Contact No _____

To keep everyone safe ... Participants ...

... must be 15 years & over to run the 10k

... 11-13 years old must have a parent / guardian at the KSSC site

... under 11 years old must run within arm's reach of a parent/guardian

... Must register with organisers between 9am-10am on the day!

Disclaimer:

I declare that I am entering the Family Fun Run of my own choosing and no liability will be placed on the organisers, Scouts or Girlguiding for any injury sustained or property lost during the event. I confirm I have no medical condition that would endanger myself, or others during the event. I understand this is a Fun Run – not a race and that the event will take place on potentially uneven paths.

Signed _____ Date _____

If under 18 years or age a parent / guardian signature is required.



Kineton Cricket Club Women's Diary

Wednesday January 29th, 6.30pm to 8pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Wednesday February 12th, 6.30pm to 8pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Wednesday February 26th, 6.30pm to 8pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Wednesday March 11th, 8pm to 9.30pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Wednesday March 25th, 8pm to 9.30pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Wednesday April 1st, 8pm to 9.30pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Reminder – take £3 to every session to pay for hiring the hall

Contacts:

Coach, Terry Lynch, 01926719667, terrylynch1@sky.com

Administrator, Katrina Briggs, 07710344027

Nick.katrina@btinternet.com



WARRIORS

RUGBY CAMPS

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Worcester Warriors run a range of Camps throughout the year for boys and girls, catering for total beginners through to experienced rugby players in the U7-U16 age groups.

Please note boys in the U14-U16 age groups can only book in groups of five or more.

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 20TH JANUARY

DATE	VENUE	DURATION	TIMINGS*	AGE GROUPS	EARLY BIRD PRICE	FULL PRICE
17 - 18 Feb	KES Stratford	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
18 - 19 Feb	Wolverhampton RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
19 - 20 Feb	Stow on the Wold RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
20 - 21 Feb	Sixways Stadium	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
20 - 21 Feb	Sixways Stadium (All Girls)	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£45	-

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- Quality coaching from Warriors staff
- A Worcester Warriors gift
- The chance to win prizes
- Appearances from Warriors players**



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PER PLAYER

*Timings stated are the Camp arrival and registration time - coaching will start 30 minutes after the arrival time. Please refer to your online booking for more information.

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CAMPS@WARRIORS.CO.UK



**subject to availability



WARRIORS

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EASTER HOLIDAYS CAMPS

EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 16TH MARCH

DATE	VENUE	DURATION	TIMINGS*	AGE GROUPS	EARLY BIRD PRICE	FULL PRICE
6 - 7 Apr	Kings Norton	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
7 - 8 Apr	Herefordshire (Venue TBC)	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
8 - 9 Apr	Evesham RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
14 - 15 Apr	Shrewsbury RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
15 - 16 Apr	Berkswell & Balsall RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
16 - 17 Apr	Old Swinford Hospital	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75

RESIDENTIALS

GIRLS EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 26TH FEB | BOYS EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 28TH JAN

DATE	VENUE	DURATION	AGE GROUPS	EARLY BIRD PRICE	FULL PRICE
6 - 8 Apr	Bromsgrove School (Girls only)	3 Days	U11 - U16	£210	£240
17 - 21 Aug	Malvern College (Boys only)	5 Days	U11 - U16	£390	£410



*Timings stated are the Camp arrival and registration time - coaching will start 30 minutes after the arrival time. Please refer to your online booking for more information.

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Leave of Absence During Term Time 2019-20



Student Absence Procedure

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school please call the **24 hour Absence Line on 01926 645 611 before 8.50am**, stating their name and form, your name and the reason. This must be done for each day they will be absent.

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason other than illness, planned or emergency (part day, full day or multiple days), please always complete a leave of absence form and send it by email to enquiries@kinetonhighschool.org.uk. This form should be used for all appointments (medical, dental, music exams or external sporting activities), holiday requests, religious observance dates and all other reasons or circumstances where your child will be absent from school.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Unauthorised Absence

There are times when children are absent for reasons, which are not permitted by law. Examples of unauthorised absence are parental illness, term time holidays or a family day out. Where there is no explanation for an absence or where the explanation or reason for the absence is considered unsatisfactory absence will be recorded as 'unauthorised'.

Unauthorised Absences have to be reported to the Local Authority. The Attendance Compliance Enforcement Team may contact you where unauthorised absence continues to be a problem.

Unauthorised absence could result in a Fixed Penalty Fine or other legal action. We are always concerned about the amount of school time pupils miss as a result of term time leave. There is no entitlement to time off during term time. Leave of absence is only granted in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Headteacher in accordance with the school policy as agreed by the governing body.

Leave of Absence forms are available on our website

<http://kinetonhighschool.org.uk/absence-form/>

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development. For this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible - we all need to play our part.

It is our policy:

- Only in an exceptional circumstance will term time leave be allowed. Parents/Carers wishing to apply for leave of absence need to fill in an application form well in advance and before booking tickets or making travel arrangements.
- If term time leave is taken without prior permission from the school, the absence will be unauthorised and you may be liable for a fixed-penalty fine or other legal action.
- Please remember that absence for whatever reason disadvantages a child by creating gaps in his/her learning. A good understanding of the work and good progress can only take place when the child is in the classroom regularly and on time.

If you think you have exceptional circumstances please talk to us without delay and before arrangements are entered into or money committed. If exceptional circumstances are accepted the Headteacher will determine how much absence will be authorised. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

The full Attendance policy can be found under <http://kinetonhighschool.org.uk/information/school-policies/>



Leave of Absence During Term Time 2019-20



The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

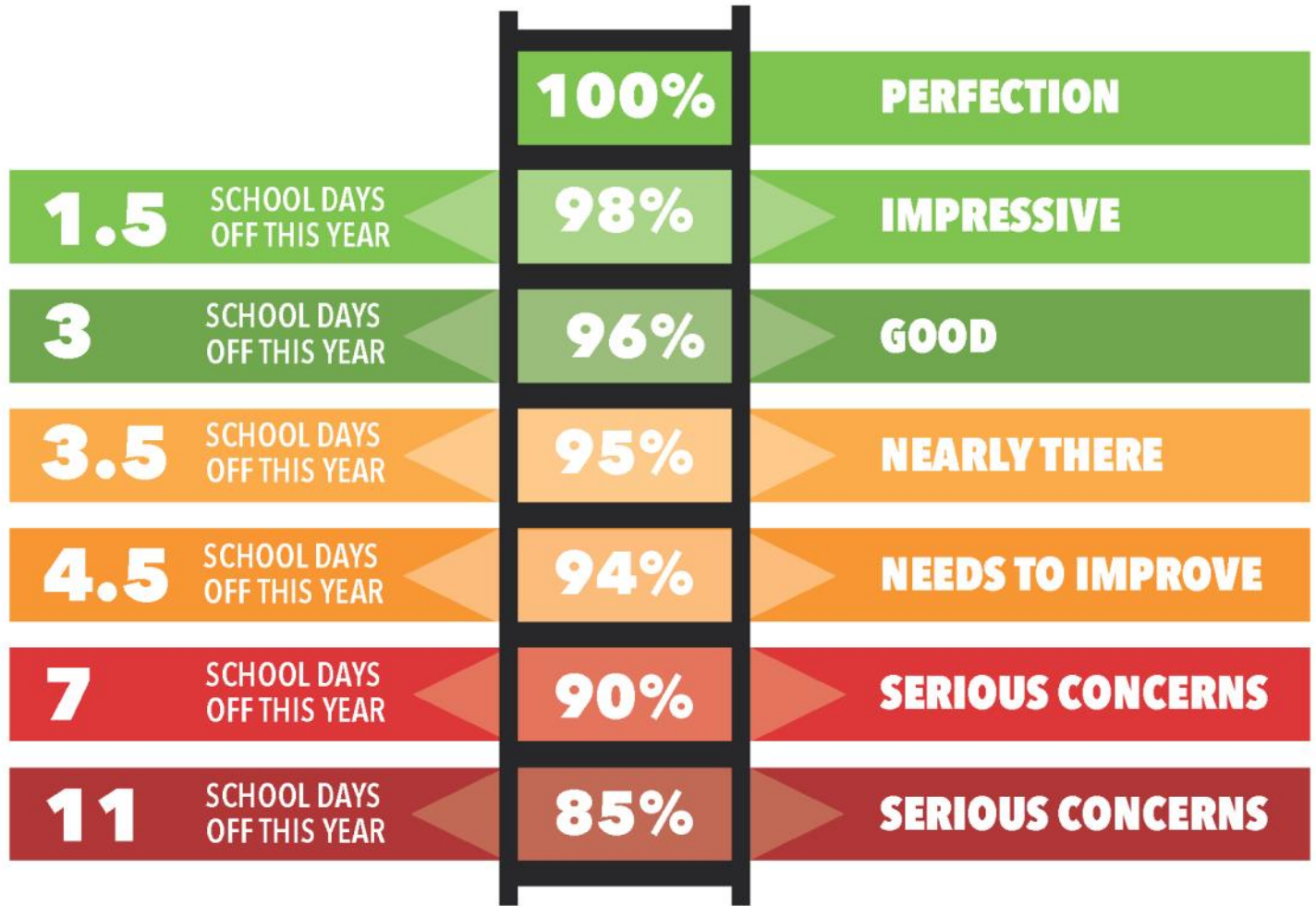
Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire Secondary School pupils recorded 6,651 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during academic year 2018/19. This is an increase of 602 on the previous year.

ATTENDANCE LADDER AUTUMN TERM



Department for Education statistics show that students with 100% attendance are 2.2 times more likely to achieve 5+ GCSEs at 9-5 including English and Maths than pupils with lower than 90% attendance. Every day and every lesson matters!

'We know parents try wherever possible to not have medical appointments during the school day in order to avoid missed lesson time and a reduction in school attendance. However we appreciate this is not always avoidable, therefore please try to book appointments using student social times, such as between 10.30-12.30am mark which will use break and lunchtime and therefore minimises lost lesson times. This can ensure that students are in school for the other 4 lessons and only missing part of one lesson, rather than losing morning or afternoon lessons. Thank you for your on-going support with this.'

