



Parent Bulletin Friday 21st April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Let me start with Eid Mubarak to all those parents and families who are celebrating Eid today and this weekend. We have had a quiet day in school with many students off for the celebrations and it has been an exciting end to the week. I also hope that the Easter holiday period was an enjoyable one for students and their families.

Staffing Updates

The start of the new term has brought with it some staffing changes and I was very pleased to welcome Mrs Simoes to the school this week as one of our new Spanish teachers. She comes with a wealth of experience and has made a great start. I also want to update parents that our Curriculum Leader for Drama and Head of Year 7, Mrs Maker has changed her name to Miss Miller.

Lost Property

We have a big pile of items of lost property which students have not collected. If your child has lost anything recently please encourage them to go to Reception and see if it is there next week as we will be disposing of all uncollected lost property at the end of the week on Friday 28th April.

Year 11 and 13 Exams

Time is passing by quickly for Year 11 and 13 students with only 3 weeks to go until the exam period starts. In those three weeks there are 3 days when school is closed to all students (1st, 2nd and 8th May) so it is vital that all students attend every day as *Every Minute Matters*. It is also important that plenty of revision is going on at home **every day** for the next few weeks. As always, if you need support with anything please get in touch with us so that we can help you.

Strike Day

The National Education Union (NEU) has called another day of strike action on Thursday 27th April as part of their ongoing dispute with the Government over pay and conditions. This means that on Thursday we will follow the same arrangements as previous strike days. Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will need to stay at home (unless they are part of an invited group to come into school), Year 11 students come to school as normal and Year 12 and 13 students wait for an email from school with the lessons they have that day. As with previous strike days we will provide a free lunch for students who are in school and those who have free school meals can come in for their lunch at the usual time if they wish to. Work for students who are at home will be set on Class Charts.

I wish you all a safe and happy weekend and thank you, as always, for your support.

Best wishes

Peter Collins

Headteacher

This week's Collective Worship reflection is:

"Dear Lord,

Help us understand that success in any shape or form is hard to achieve. Help us to acknowledge other's successes no matter how small they seem. Aid us to help others to succeed and not hinder them through our actions or words. Inspire us Lord, to achieve success in our lives and guide us to what success means for us.

Amen

I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness (John 10:10