



Parent Bulletin Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Year 11 students appear to have made a good start to their mock exams this week. Attendance has been good and their attitude towards them excellent. We hope this will continue next week. It was also a pleasure to see so many parents at yesterday's Year 9 Parents' Evening. Thank you to all those parents who attended (over 80% of the year group) for their partnership work and support.

I know some parents will be worried about the staff absences we have at the moment affecting some Maths, Psychology and Geography lessons. I am pleased to say that some of these will resolve themselves over the next week and we are working very hard behind the scenes to find cover staff. Where necessary I will write separately to parents of affected students. In the meantime I thank parents for their understanding.

We have a vacancy for a technology technician at the moment to support students in resistant materials lessons (in the main) with the making and designing of products and the preparation of wood and plastic materials. If this interests you (we are struggling to get someone from adverts) then please email reception@slougheton.com and ask for more details.

I have raised a few concerns with students in my weekly video message to them today about always having and wearing the right uniform, getting to all their lessons quickly as we move through the day and not wasting time with unnecessary trips to the toilet during lesson time. To aid this students are now only allowed to go to the toilet in lesson time if they have a medical pass. As the longest period between breaks is 2 hours and 15 minutes this should be manageable but I will monitor and see. I am also speaking with the Governors next week about ensuring our uniform code more explicitly states that the wearing of coverings that fully obscure the face is not allowed. This has always been the case but has not been explicitly stated because it has not needed to be. This has presented us with some safeguarding challenges necessitating the clarification. Any parents who wish to contact me about this can do so via reception@slougheton.com.

Finally we have flu vaccinations taking place in school on Monday for Years 7 – 11 and school is closed to all students on Friday as we have an INSET day.

Have a great weekend.

Peter Collins
Headteacher

Collective Worship Reflection

Living life in all its fullness

*Dear God, guide me in recognising my rights and responsibilities as a member of society.
Show me how to use my rights to serve others and fulfil my role in making the world a better place.*

Amen

