



Parent Bulletin Thursday 8th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a wet end of a dry and cold week and tomorrow marks the start of a short break for students and staff. I hope that our Year 11 and 13 students make good use of the time to get plenty of revision done (there is time for being on holiday after their exams) and that they get some rest as well.

Punctuality to Lessons

I have written to the parents of students who seem to struggle to get to lessons on time, often chatting for too long. If you have received one of those letters please ensure you address it with your child so that the problem goes away. Students are aware that detentions are coming for those who are not doing the right thing and that does seem like a waste of our time when it is completely avoidable.

School Attendance

We have really good school attendance and I hope that continues. I am keen to ensure students are here every day and do not hesitate to pass referrals for fines to Slough Borough Council where needed. Unfortunately we are seeing a rise in parents not being open with us about why their child is off school. We are always honest with parents about what is happening in school and I expect the same back. I must also point out to parents that there are 13 weeks a year for children to go on holidays and medical appointments overseas and family visits need to take place in that time. Please can I ask that all parents support the school with ensuring their child attends during term time.

Term Dates for Next Year

Our term dates for next academic year have been updated and are as follows:

Autumn 2024

Term starts on: Monday 2nd September 2024
Half term break: 28th October to 1st November 2024
Term ends on: Friday 20th December 2024
Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December 2024 to Monday 6th January 2025

Spring 2025

Term starts on: Monday 6th January 2025
Half term break: 17th to 21st February 2025
Term ends on: Friday 4th April 2025
Spring holiday: 4th April 2025 to Tuesday 22nd April 2025
(Good Friday – 18th April 2025 Easter Monday – 21 April 2025)



SSAT



Summer 2025

Term starts on: Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Half term break: Monday 26 May 2024 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term ends on: Friday 18th July 2025

Bank Holidays affecting school

Monday 5 May 2025

INSET Days

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 29th November 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 14th February 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

School restarts on Monday 19th February for all students at 8.25am as usual. Have a good half-term holiday with your children.

Yours sincerely

Have a great half term.

Peter Collins
Headteacher

Collective Worship Reflection

This term our focus is on our Christian value, Initiative and we will encourage our students to watch for opportunities to use their initiative.

Love is at the core of the Christian life: “love God and love your neighbour as yourself” are God’s two great commandments and priorities for our life (Mark 12:29-31). Initiative prompts us to watch for opportunities to love and help others.

Are you an ‘energy giver’ or an ‘energy taker’? Do you work to be part of a solution or are you part of the problem?

A person who takes initiative often gives, encourages and serves before others even realize there is a need, problem or opportunity.

Take initiative. In just seconds you can significantly encourage others through a smile or affirming word or a kind deed. Initiative is being attentive to opportunities to show Christ’s love through acts of kindness and love.

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