

17th June 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback regarding our two recent consultations for the PE Uniform and the changes to the school day. It has been invaluable in shaping our final decisions. We have carefully considered all responses, and we have listened to you and your voices - Thank you. The outcomes of the consultation are:

PE Uniform - There were a number of concerns raised regarding students changing in front of their peers, and that the re-introduction of this means more kit to carry. We have decided that we **will not make any changes to the PE uniform arrangements for the next academic year**, but in order to make this work, we will work with students and parents to ensure our Uniform and PE uniform expectations are explicitly clear and followed. We thank you for your feedback and look forward to seeing our high expectations regarding uniform embed each week.

School day - There were some concerns raised about the start of the school day and were losing the early finish on a Week 2 Friday, however there was on the whole a good level of positive feedback about the proposed changes. **We are therefore moving forward with proposed changes regarding the school day.**

Uniform

If you have any old school uniform/PE uniform that no longer fits your child but is in good condition, we would be grateful if this could be donated to school. We can then donate these to other students who are in need of new uniform.

Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently 91.4% with 25.4% of students being persistently absent from school (an attendance of 90% and below)

Attendance year to date = 91.4 %		Persistent Absence year to date = 25.4 % [less than 90%]	
Year 7	92.5%	19.2%	
Year 8	92.1%	24.8%	
Year 9	89.9%	33.2%	
Year 10	90.4%	27.7%	
Year 11	S	S	

Attendance letters

If your child's attendance is below 90% you will, within the next few weeks, receive a letter alerting you to this. Whilst we understand that there are some genuine reasons why your child may have been absent, we really want to look at how we can support you and your child in improving their attendance. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Progress Leader, our Attendance Champion Mrs Williams, our Educational Welfare Officer Mrs Winslet or our Family Champion Mrs Coles.

Future Events

19th June	: Year 6 Parent Information Evening (Parents' only)
20th June	: Year 11 Leavers' Assembly
w/c 27th June	: Year 10 Aspirations Week
27th June	: Year 10 New College Experience Day
28th June	: Year 10 Mock Interviews
29th - 30th June	: DofE Qualifying Bronze Expedition
2nd July	: Art & Photography Trip
2nd July	: Recital Evening 6.30pm
5th July	: TD Day - school closed to all students
5th - 7th July	: DofE Silver Expedition Practice
11th July	: Year 7 Parents' Evening - 4pm - 7pm
12th July	: Sports Day
23rd July	: Prize Evening 6pm-7pm

With our continued thanks. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett

Headteacher