

22nd November 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

This Wednesday we all enjoyed our first Drop Down morning of the year to support our Personal Development Curriculum.

This week has seen the end of our Year 11s completing their first two weeks of Year 11 Mocks. They have all embraced this with such high levels of commitment. Our teachers are working hard to mark all these papers and provide our students with high quality feedback. We look forward to meeting all our Year 11 parents on 12th December at our Parents' Evening.

### Attendance

<b>Attendance year to date = 92.6 %</b> <b>Persistent Absence year to date = 22.5% [less than 90%]</b> <b>Lates = 3.0%</b>			
	<b>Year to date</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>Lates</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	94.9%	16.7%	1.4%
<b>Year 8</b>	92.9%	19.0%	2.6%
<b>Year 9</b>	91.5%	26.6%	4.2%
<b>Year 10</b>	92.1%	25.4%	3.1%
<b>Year 11</b>	91.1%	27.2%	4.3%

### Knife crime assemblies

Next week all our assemblies are based on the education of our students around knife crime. We will be following advice from the Police and from Operation Sceptre.

Op Sceptre is a national weeklong initiative to tackle knife and knife-enabled crime. During this week, the Safer Neighbourhood Team will be out and about engaging with our residents through, school engagements, where they will work closely with schools to educate young people about the dangers of knife crime – the campaign works with those at risk of becoming involved with knife crime, diverting them towards a better life, through explaining the consequences of carrying/using knives for the wrong purpose.

### Equipment / Ready to Learn

Thank you for reviewing that your child has all the equipment that they need every day which includes a charged chromebook, writing equipment including rulers.

### Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal

Do you have any unwanted gifts that you could donate to the Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal? For the next house challenge we have decided to give back to the local community. Students should bring in their toys or monetary donations to school and hand it in to their tutors. All donations go towards helping other local families in Swindon in putting a smile on the faces of their children.

**Deadline for donations:** Friday 29th November 2024

**Future Events**

- 28th Nov - Year 8 Information Evening 5.30 - 6.30pm
- 9th Dec - Y7 - 11 Flu Vaccination
- 12th Dec - Y11 Parents' Evening - 4.30 - 7.00pm
- 16th Dec - Christmas Concert
- 17th Dec - Christmas Lunch
- 18th Dec - Christmas Lunch
- 20th Dec - Students finish at 12.05pm

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**