



July 2010

Dear Parent,

We are rapidly approaching the end of term. School will finish on **Wednesday 21st July at 2.00 p.m.**

**September 2010:**

New Year 7 (current Y6) and new Year 12 students (current Y11) will return to school on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. New Year 7 students should arrive at school at **9.55 am** on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**; new Year 12 students arrive at **8.40 am** and report to the Main Hall. This will allow for a programme of induction activities for both year groups.

All other year groups will be returning to school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 8.40 a.m.** During the first day students will be issued with timetables, record their homework schedule in planners, and ensure that they are organised and equipped to make a good start to the new academic year.

At the start of the new year I have certain expectations of all of our students.

- **Punctuality** has become something of an issue with students during the last few weeks of term. Students are required to be on site at **8.40 am** when the first bell rings. They should be in Form rooms being registered at **8.45 am**. Students arriving after 8.45 am will be marked as late by Form Tutors.
- They must come to school in the **correct uniform**. The standard of uniform has improved over the year, and I thank you for your support in this matter. However, we still have an issue with trainers, shirts hanging out, and ties not done up properly. The local community 'judges' the school on the appearance of its students. Please support us by sending your son to school in the correct uniform.
- They must come to school with the **correct equipment**. A list of the basic equipment can be found in the student planner, and I have instructed Form Tutors to check this basic equipment at least once a week. Too much time is wasted in school dealing with supplying students with pens and pencils.
- Students must come to school **prepared to work**. I will not tolerate the disruption of learning by a small number of individuals.
- Obviously I expect students to attend. **Good attendance** is counted as somewhere between 95 and 100%. An attendance rate of 90% (which some students would count as good) means that a student has had half a day off each week for the whole year. This equates to missing half a year during the 5 years of compulsory education! We cannot educate your son if he does not attend.

I request that students, particularly in Years 10 and 11 are not taken on holiday during term time. The majority of GCSE courses are now modular and missing two weeks at any time of year inevitably means that examinations will be missed.

I hope that you and your family have a relaxing summer break, and look forward to welcoming your son back to school in September.

Yours sincerely

M R Rodaway