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Dear Parents/Carers

It hardly seems like yesterday that we started back to school for the spring term in January and now we are entering into the final week and looking forward to the summer term; whoever said time flies was certainly right. I would like to update you on a number of things in preparation for the summer term:

Edenred Vouchers for those students on free school meals

The Local Authority has confirmed that Edenred vouchers will be available for the Easter break, commencing Monday 4th April through to Monday 18th April. They have increased the value this time to £55 per child which covers the whole Easter break. Orders have been placed and parents who are eligible should receive their voucher by Monday 4th April. If you have not received your voucher by then, please contact the school office.

School uniform

As we move into the summer term, school uniform changes for those wearing skirts. Instead of black tights, students wearing skirts should wear knee length black socks. All other items of uniform remain the same. Please note, we do not have a summer uniform. Ties, shirts and school jumpers must be worn to school. If the weather turns very warm, we will confirm with students each day whether that is a "jumper off" day and they will then be allowed to carry jumpers in their bags. Ties must still be worn.

Mobile phones

Thank you for your support regarding our mobile phone policy. Students have responded well to this, with minimal breaches noted. Where breaches have occurred, students have been accepting of the consequences and parents have supported school in reinforcing the reasons underpinning the policy. One of the positive impacts of the policy that we have noticed is the increase in conversation and interaction that is taking place between students now that mobile phones are not present. Students have reverted to the time-honoured practice of chatting to each other and that has been lovely to see.

Year 11 GCSEs

We move into the exam season when we return and for our year 11 students this is a particularly anxious time, not least because GCSEs in the traditional format have not been sat since the country went into lockdown in 2020. There is much uncertainty regarding the impact of Covid, past and



present, on students sitting exams and we will continue to do the best we can to support them through this. One of the adaptations the exam boards have made this year is to spread the exams out over an extended period of time, as well as putting in a contingency date of 29th June 2022. All year 11 students are required to be available up to and including this date for GCSE exams. If you are planning a family break, please bear this in mind. The legal leaving date for year 11 is Thursday 30th June 2022.

Date	Subject	Paper
25th April	BTEC Tech Performing Arts (acting)	Performance
26,3,9th May	BTEC Tech Perf Arts Performing Arts (acting)	Write up
28th April	French and Spanish speaking	
12th May	BTEC Tech Child Development	Component 3
16th May	Religious Studies A	Paper 1
	Computer Science	Paper 1
17th May	Biology	Paper 1
	Combined Science: Trilogy: Biology	Paper 1
18th May	English Language	Paper 1
19th May	History	Paper 1
20th May	Maths	Paper 1
23rd May	Geography	Paper 1
24th May	French listening and reading	
	Arabic listening and reading	
	Sport Studies/Science	
25th May	English Literature	Paper 1
26th May	Spanish listening and reading	
	Religious Studies A	Paper 2
27th May	Chemistry	Paper 1
	Combined Science: Trilogy: Chemistry	Paper 1
	Computer Science	Paper 2
6th June	Arabic writing	
7th June	Maths	Paper 2
	Geography	Paper 2
8th June	English Literature	Paper 2
9th June	History	Paper 2
	Combined Science: Trilogy: physics	Paper 1
	Physics	Paper 1
10th June	English Language	Paper 2
13th June	Maths	Paper 3
	Creative Imedia	
14th June	Geography	Paper 3
	Statistics	Paper 1
15th June	Biology	Paper 2
	Combined Science: Trilogy biology	Paper 2
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16th June	French writing	
17th June	Spanish writing	
	Polish listening and reading	
	Portuguese listening and reading	
20th June	Chemistry	Paper 2
	Combined Science: Trilogy: chemistry	Paper 2

Date	Subject	Paper
	Food preparation and nutrition	
21st June	History	Paper 2
23rd June	Combined Science: Trilogy: physics	Paper 2
	Physics	Paper 2
24th June	Statistics	Paper 2
27th June	Polish writing	
	Portuguese writing	
29 th June	Contingency day – all students must be available	

Vehicles on the school site

A polite reminder that parents should not drive onto the school site to drop off their children. The school site is busy and at peak times there are up to 860 children walking through the gates and across the campus. We have had a couple of occasions when damage has been caused to cars because of congestion on the car park, students have had near misses from cars exiting the campus and tempers have become frayed on a number of occasions. All of this is avoidable if the request to refrain from driving into the car park to drop off or pick up is respected.

E-Scooters

We have seen a rise in the number of students travelling to and from school riding electric scooters. We want to make our position clear, which is that students should not be riding to school on them. Currently it is illegal to ride an E-Scooter on a public road or pavement in Lancashire. They are classed as a motor vehicle and are subject to the same legal requirements such as MOT, Tax, Licensing and Insurance. I understand this may cause some upset to some students, however, we will not be allowing e-scooters to come on to the school site. If your child does have an E-Scooter, we would appreciate it if you could speak to them and make them aware of this information and the reasons why they are banned from the school site and when travelling to and from school.

Return to school

We return to school after the Easter break on Tuesday 19th April at the usual start time of 8.40am, with line ups commencing from 8.30am.

School events and news

There are a number of events taking place next term which you will find details of in our newsletter, which is published on the school website each week. This link will take you to one of our recent newsletters, and hopefully give you a flavour of life in school:

<https://www.ashtoncsc.lancs.sch.uk/news/2022-03-25-newsletter-w-c-21-03-2022>

I hope you have a pleasant Easter break.

Yours sincerely



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