

**Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy
A National Teaching School**

**NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS – JULY 2018
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A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Guardian

Once again we come round to the end of the academic year and once again I reflect on how quickly that time has passed and how much has been achieved in that time. As usual we have had a year of outstanding achievement across the year groups academically, culturally and in the sporting arena. What is achieved here in our Christian community on a day-to-day basis is a reflection of the unstinting professionalism of our staff and the commitment of our students to take the many opportunities we have to offer to extend and enrich themselves. Our culture, ethos and practice as a Christian school was recognised in December 2017, when we underwent a statutory church school inspection, a SIAMS inspection, and were judged to be outstanding.

Change is an ever-present element of daily life within a thriving secondary school and this year has been no different to any other. We operate in a world of challenge and ever higher expectations and it is our responsibility to ensure that the students of Bishop Rawstorne are able to thrive and prosper in an ever-changing environment. We do this through an unwavering commitment to the highest standards for all of our students and feel that it is our moral obligation to put all the necessary challenge, intervention and support into place that will maximise outcomes for all. After the Prom in June we said farewell and good luck to our Year 11s after they had completed their GCSE examinations and we trust that we have prepared them well, academically, spiritually and morally to flourish on the next stage of their journey in life. We recently held our Year 6 Intake Evening and Taster Day and it was a wonderful opportunity to welcome new students and parents into our Christian family. You can be assured that we will be doing everything possible to support all of our new Year 7s as they make the transition from primary to secondary school.

Attendance at school is the basic and immovable pathway to academic success and I ask for your support in ensuring that each and every day your child is in school and fulfilling the first key step to success. Within the Newsletter, we stress in further detail just how important it is to maintain an excellent level of attendance and it is an undeniable fact that there is a direct correlation between academic success and attendance. We continue as well to have the highest expectations in terms of punctuality to class, completing homework on time to a high standard, attitudes to learning, appearance and dress. In the coming year all of the staff at Bishop Rawstorne will reinforce the non-negotiables every day that have made Bishop Rawstorne the school of choice for your family.

With every new year, come new beginnings and once again we will be welcoming new staff to the school in August 2018. We have appointed new staff in Science, Mr Aston, Miss Mercer and Mr Cook-Allison and in Computing, Miss Stoneley. We wish them all much success in their new roles. Miss Morris, who after her recent marriage will be known as Mrs Poole, will return to school later in the 2018/2019 academic year. There have been some changes internally in preparation for the start of the new school year with Miss Ashcroft being appointed as Head of Year 7 and Mrs Cogley being appointed as Head of Year 9. Miss Palmer takes on the role of SENCO and Miss Wade has been appointed as the Deputy SENCO. We wish them all much success in their new roles.

Just as we welcome new faces to Bishops, it is also an opportunity to say goodbye to members of staff who have given fine service to the school. Mrs Webber leaves us at the end of July after 11 years of outstanding service, as a Teacher of ICT, Lead Teacher of ICT and Computing and the last 4 years as the Curriculum Leader of Technology, Art and Computing. She has made a significant contribution to the life of the school and she will be very much missed. She leaves with our most sincere thanks and best wishes for the next stage of her career journey. Her role as Curriculum Leader will be taken by Mr Jackson and Mr Acosta will be second-in-faculty. Leaving us, albeit temporarily, will be Miss Robinson who goes on maternity leave over the summer holidays and her role in Religious Education will be taken by Ms Qureshi. We also say a big thank you to Mr Colville and Mrs Whiteside who leave us after stepping up into the breach and helping us out in Science this year.

Once again this year we have had an exciting variety of local, regional and overseas visits, which are a staple of providing an all-round and stimulating education to our students. As well as trips to Krakow and the annual ski-trip, we have other trips departing in the coming days, including a Year 7 trip to France, a Year 9 and Year 10 trip to France and Belgium, with a Year 10 trip to Iceland having recently returned. We believe that these trips truly enhance the academic provision of the school and the huge numbers of students who participate in overseas residential trips is testimony to their enduring value and popularity. Next year we have two additional residential visits on the calendar, a footballing trip to Albir in Spain at the start of the Easter holidays and a trip to Berlin in October. We wish students and staff a thoroughly enriching experience on the trips we have coming up.

To conclude, may I thank you all for your support which is essential in maintaining Bishop Rawstorne as a successful school, allowing your children to access outstanding education each and every day.

I wish you and your families a good, restful break.



Mr P Cowley
Headteacher

PASTORAL CARE 2018/2019

To clarify, the roles and responsibilities with regards to Pastoral Care for the next academic year are as follows.

Mrs Lane – Assistant Headteacher, Pastoral Care

Mr Sixsmith – Head of Year 11

Mrs Anglim – Head of Year 10

Mrs Cogley – Head of Year 9

Mrs Huyton – Head of Year 8

Miss Ashcroft – Head of Year 7

Please contact Heads of Year in the first instance if there are any concerns that you would like to address, or any information that you feel needs to be passed on. As well as these staff members Mr Williams is in charge of Parental Liaison, and as such if you have ANY concerns that you feel you cannot directly discuss with Heads of Year please feel free to contact him separately. Head of SENCO is Miss Palmer and the Deputy SENCO is Miss Wade.

Jewellery and Makeup

More than 1 stud per ear, and dangling earrings of any nature are not acceptable. No students are allowed makeup, or nail varnish or fake tan and tutors will be extremely vigilant on this once again in September. Bracelets and bangles are equally not acceptable. In this last year instances of wearing makeup have decreased significantly. However I want to make it very clear where we stand.

Hairstyles & Facial Hair

To clarify our policy. Female students are not allowed hair with extreme highlights, streaks or braids. Male students are not allowed to have excessively styled hair and there should be no grading of less than a 2. Lines and etchings in hair is strictly forbidden. We want to work more closely with students, and parents with regards to hair and we appreciate that hair styles change. Bishop Rawstorne does pride itself on high standards of appearance and hair is at the forefront of that. Male students must be clean-shaven at all times.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones must remain switched off during the school day. Any students using a mobile phone without the express permission of staff will have it confiscated and it will remain at the office for collection at the end of the day. A second confiscation will result in home contact and a third means a parent will need to come to collect it on behalf of the student. As well as this we would like to clarify that Smartwatches, that link to phones via Bluetooth, are not acceptable in school in any circumstances.

Attendance

Bishop Rawstorne considers good attendance to be 96% and above, and whilst we would like every student to achieve 100% attendance, we aim for all our students to be at 96% or over. Once students drop below this figure, we need to act quickly to ensure that they can be pulled back above it.

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success, both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid poor behaviour choices and have a better chance of having a broad range of options available when leaving Bishop Rawstorne. When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve, even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to develop the skills that will set them up for a strong future. When students are absent for an average of just two days of school per month, it will have a negative impact. It is impossible for children to achieve their full potential if they are not in school, and the last weeks of the year are just as important as any other in a young person's education. There are a variety of different enrichment activities in Year 7 and 8 but in Years 9 and 10, the emphasis is clearly on GCSE work right up until the end of the year.

There are a minority of students whose attendance is not satisfactory. The government identifies that students with an attendance of below 90% should be classed as "Persistently Absent". This means that any student who falls below 90% attendance will become a persistent absence student and therefore reported as such to National and Local Government through the school census.

To put this figure into context – the table below shows what days off do to a students overall attendance figure:

Days absent	Weeks absent	Percentage attendance
1		99.5%
2		99%
3		98.5%
4		98%
5	1	97.5%
10	2	95%
15	3	92.5%
20	4	90%
25	5	87.5%
30	6	85%
35	7	82.5%
40	8	80%

Time off school, like time off work, is only acceptable in extreme cases such as medical emergencies, extreme sickness, bereavement etc. Students that have a cold, headache, sore throat or that are looking after siblings shouldn't be having time off. The priority of every parent is to make sure that their child is in school, and fortunately, we as a school treat absence very seriously and will be left with no choice other than to prosecute using penalty notices in the event of continuing persistent absence

I am also aware that students often have very legitimate lengthy periods of absence, or sporadic attendance due to ill health of a serious nature. Please do not worry if your child drops into this category – the key is regular contact with your son/daughter's Head of Year so they are well aware of your personal circumstances. This coupled with detailed medical evidence – such as appointment notes or letters from your child's GP, will help us to develop a personal approach to yourselves and avoid misunderstanding or miscommunications.

Finally, with regards to "leave of absence". Bishop Rawstorne is able to grant leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. These are considered on a case-to-case basis and a form to apply for this is available from the main office or ONLINE and must be returned for the attention of Mr Duckworth. Exceptional circumstances does not include a family holiday, but includes things such as weddings and funerals of close relatives or special events that cannot be re-arranged or rescheduled. When we consider whether to allow an event such as this, we consider your son/daughter's attendance over their time at school, as we cannot condone time off school for students that are perilously close to the Persistent Absence mark of 90% or below it. Any absences for music exams, drama exams, dance exams or sporting activities must also be made in writing, in advance, on the correct form, again for Mr Duckworth's attention.

Parental Contact

Please note that teaching staff often have a full day of lessons timetabled, as well as break and lunch supervision duty, internal and external meetings and training sessions. It may therefore not be possible for a member of staff to return your call or reply to your email on the same day. In the first instance, if contacting the school by email, you should email to office@bishopr.co.uk and your query will be sent to the most appropriate and relevant member of staff. Bishop Rawstorne staff will endeavour to respond to parental queries within 48 hours, where possible (covering working days only). Depending on the complexity of an enquiry, it may take up to 20 working days to deal with a particular request, in accordance with Freedom of Information guidelines. Please do not contact staff directly after 7.00pm on week nights or at weekends as they will not be able to deal with anything until the next working day. As you will be aware, teachers have to plan and mark during evenings and at weekends as well as support their own families and we need your help in ensuring they have a healthy work-life balance.

Note that any serious safeguarding issue will be dealt with as a priority.

Teacher Training

Bishop Rawstorne is a National Teaching School. As part of this remit, we run a teacher training programme called 'Bishop Rawstorne School Direct'. We are always looking to recruit tomorrow's teachers. If you, a friend or family member is interested in a career in teaching, please ask them to get into contact with Helen Winter, our programme lead, either at the school by phone or via email hwinter@bishopr.co.uk.

Year 9 Mentors

Many thanks to all the Year 9 students who applied to act as Mentors to our Year 7s in September. We had **67** applications for 12 positions so it was a very difficult job trying to choose the successful candidates! Many of our older students remember the impact our Mentors made in helping *them* to settle at Bishops, and this year's Mentors have already done a fantastic job on the New Intake Evening and the Taster Day. Taster Day seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by the Year 6 children as they experienced a range of lessons and started to get to know their Tutors and the rest of their Tutor Group. As always, the food from Beaumont's also proved very popular!



The following Year 9s have shown themselves to be confident, organised and wonderful ambassadors of our community: Charles Atkinson, Amelie Bartholomew, Harry Chadwick, Anna Collins, Isabelle Deacon, Jake Dickinson, Poppy Elliott, Max Felstead, Vicki Murphy, Charlie Simmons, Oliver Taylor, Lauren Usher.

Year 11 Prom

In a departure from the norm, the Prom this year was moved to the DW Stadium in Wigan. It proved to be a huge success and the sun shone all evening. Many parents, family and friends waited patiently to watch the arrivals and as usual we had a fantastic variety of vehicles, including stretch limos, a tractor and a motor bike guard of honour. The students and Year 11 tutors enjoyed mocktails, followed by a three course meal and then dancing until 10.30pm when the evening was rounded off by a colourful firework display. Ian Wallis was on hand to take formal photographs which can be viewed on his website (details on our school website), magician Pete Turner wowed students with table magic and Adam Frackelton provided us with a great variety of music. All in all, a great night and we wish all our Year 11s good luck in their future adventures.



Brothers of Charity

We are again supporting this local charity, which provides job opportunities for vulnerable adults in our community. The charity collects old school uniform, including coats, bags and PE kit, which is then refurbished and sold on in its Chorley based shop. All school uniform can be used, even if it is 'past its best'! There is a collection point in the school's reception for this



and uniform will be accepted until the end of term and for the first two weeks back in August. More details are on the main school website.

School Fair

Friday 13 July is the date for our school fair this year. The day is a collapsed day with Achievement Assemblies and fun PE activities in the morning. All tutor groups run a stall and this year we have a huge variety including Lucky Letters, a Chocolate Raffle, inflatables, Shave Ice and many more. The canteen provides snack fair style food and two students this year are running cake stalls for various charities. The Duke of Edinburgh group will also be running a pop, crisps and sweet stall. Following the Fair we will have our end of year assemblies where we meet together as a whole school for the last time this year, before some Year 7s, 9s and 10s go off on school educational residential trips. Let's hope the sun keeps shining!



Year 8 Parents

A letter has been issued to students regarding the purchase of a 'book bundle' for all GCSE texts to be covered over the next 3 years. If you require another copy of the letter, please refer to the website.

English Ambassadors

At several points during the year a group of Year 9 students have met with Mrs Anglim in their role as English Ambassadors. These students have reviewed the work covered in classes and also tasks set for homework in English. Lots of good ideas were shared and the students have been very honest in their evaluation of what they think is good about their English lessons, and also what they think could be improved! The English Ambassadors have been very mature, making thoughtful and sensible suggestions, rather than just suggesting 'no more homework'!

One of the main improvements, which the English Ambassadors have been responsible for, is the English 'Star of the Half Term', which they felt works well in other areas of school. We will start awarding this coveted badge to a boy and a girl from every English class from next half-term and recipients will be sent a postcard home and will receive 20 points. The Ambassadors felt that the award should be specifically aimed at rewarding effort in English and so that is what it will be for.

Hopefully, the English Ambassadors will continue to work hard next year in helping to share students'

suggestions and make English *even better* than it already is!

World Book Day

On 1 March, Bishop Rawstorne celebrated World Book Day with a day of book-based activities. During lunchtime, teams from across our school years took part in a house competition quiz, with students showing off their reading knowledge in the library. Year 7 dressed to impress as



their favourite book characters, showing fantastic effort and originality in their costume designs. Third place in the costume competition this year went to Kieran Hoskin as 'Where's Wally' and Lydia Marchbank as 'The Fantastic Mrs Fox'. Second place went to Jack Billington as 'The Artful Dodger' and Holly Niven as 'Katniss Everdeen'. This year, the winning



costumes came from Bella Otterburn as 'Boudicca' and Emily Williams as 'Gandalf'. Well done, Year 7!

Throughout the day, Year 7 spent time taking part in a range of fun literary activities: from writing super-short 'tweet' stories, judging book covers and watching live-streamed author events to acting out Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, we had a blast!

Bishop Rawstorne are Big Book Quiz champions!

Over the course of this school year, a number of our Year 7 and 8 students have competed in the inter-school Big Book Quiz and really shown their reading skills! Representing the boys in the competition were Christian Breen, Tariq Fenemore, Sam Cottrell, Ben Slater and Michael Anglim. Representing the girls were Freya Nicholls, Millie Atherton, Grace Hayes and Milly Mansfield. During this event, all of our competitors have represented the school, and themselves, tremendously well.



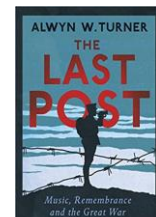
Back in March, two teams from Bishop Rawstorne competed in the first rounds of the Big Book Quiz at Broughton High School, achieving first and second place! Our team of boys did brilliantly, beating other teams by a significant margin. However, only one team could go through to the final. Our team of Year 8 girls excelled themselves over the course of this event, beating off stiff competition from over 300 other students with 60 teams taking part! The Big Book Quiz final took place at Wigan Youth Zone on 3 July and our girls were victorious, demonstrating their incredible teamwork and hard work over the last year. Well done, girls!

Mock Trial Competition

Earlier in the year, the following Year 9 students took part in Runshaw College Law Department's Mock Trial Competition:



Abi Waring; Eloise Ackers; Elizabeth Thomas and Seth Butterfield. All really enjoyed the day. They gave their presentations in the college's court room after being tutored by A level students and were very confident when they were cross-examined by other teams. They received a certificate for their participation and Abi was one of two students awarded best speaker.



Music



This term saw the Music department hold the annual 'End of Year Concert'. This is a concert which we put on to give the students in Year 11 the opportunity to perform before they embark on their exams. As ever, we had a number of Year 11 students who performed as well as the School Choir, Band, Upper School Choir and then Broodwind Group. The students who performed were, Jenna Stout, Melissa McCabe, Millie McGuinness, Adam Exley, Lauren Eardley, Freya Stott, Lucy Robertson, Laura Howard and Issy Barker – with Hannah Laidler. All these students showed how far they had come since starting music at Bishop Rawstorne, not only with their musical talent but their confidence. The evening also saw the presentation of the Band, Choir and Upper School Choir Person of the Year, these awards went to the following:
Band Person of the Year = Laura Howard
Choir Person of the Year = Clare Young
Upper School Choir Person of the year = Jenna Stout
Again, a really great achievement to these 3 students in particular with all the service they have given to the department both individually and collectively during their time at the school. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the new Year 7 students to the department and preparing for our trip to Rome next year with the choir.

HISTORY TRIPS

Imperial War Museum Visit

In April, Mr Hornby's Year 8 History class, were the first group in the country to take part in the trial of new activity at the



Imperial War Museum in Manchester. The students were asked to make mini documentaries about certain artefacts in the museum using specialised equipment. The museum staff were extremely impressed with the quality of work our students produced as well as their enthusiasm.

France/Belgium Trip

On Saturday 14 July, 49 Year 9 and 10 students will be heading off on the France and Belgium residential trip. The trip will include sightseeing in Paris, including going up the Eiffel Tower and visiting the Palace of Versailles, and a day at Disneyland Paris. The visit also includes visiting a number of WWI battlefields and war memorials in France and Belgium. This year, our students will be able to mark the centenary of the end of WWI as we will be laying a poppy wreath on behalf of the school, during the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres.



Space Day

Year 7 were off timetable in July to spend the day in Science learning about space. The day included various activities including guest speaker Dennis Ashton (author of Stars and Planets), and a step inside the amazing indoor planetarium and much more, such as making rockets, observing actual moon rocks from the Apollo missions and meteorites plus the Mars Lander challenge.



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Year 8 Trip to Blackpool Zoo.

This was a great opportunity for the students to take learning away from the classroom. During the day, students were taught about conservation and extinction including some hands-on examples. Students then had time to explore the zoo for themselves to see the work and success that conservation can have.



Salters Chemistry Festival at Manchester University

During the day, students were required to compete in the Salters Challenge against other schools from the North of England.



During this challenge, students are required to work under strict lab rules whilst being constantly observed by a variety of judges. In addition to this, students also took part in the University Challenge, a chemistry practical based team challenge. As a school, we are delighted to announce that the students achieved first place. Well done to Tariq Fenemore, Freya Nicholls, Millie Atherton and Owen Jenkinson.

Physics Olympics

The annual Ogden Trust Physics Olympics Challenge took place on Tuesday 26 June at Albany Academy. Two teams of Physics students competed from Bishop Rawstorne in various STEM categories.



The students were determined to do well and managed to win a category each; the Bridge Building Challenge and the Fermi Quiz. Ultimately the overall winners were a team from.... Bishop Rawstorne! The trophy cabinet now has 3 extras, a trip to Ikea may be required soon for a bigger version.

Year 7 Jodrell bank

The whole of Year 7 visited Jodrell Bank. This was a packed day where students had the opportunity to see the world famous Lovell telescope, as well as other space related activities delivered by the institute's experts, including a Mars rover challenge and learning about Newton's laws and satellites.



Iceland 2018

The Geography department took some of Year 10 to Iceland again this year, students bathed in geothermal pools, climbed glaciers and witnessed the meeting place of two of the earth's tectonic plates.



Iceland is a truly unique country and visiting here is a real must for geographers!

Letters have been given out for next year's visit, with priority given to those who study Geography as a GCSE.

The 15th Primary Maths Challenge

was held on Wednesday 4 July in the school hall. The theme of this year was the World Cup, so panic over after the painstaking penalty shoot-out the previous evening.



Eleven teams contested an enthralling completion, hoping to take the trophy away from Eccleston Primary who had won it on each of the last 3 occasions. After 2 rounds of problem solving, working out ticket prices and finding dimensions of football pitches, it was left to the energetic relay round to decide the winner. This year Trinity & St Michael's were victorious...

Now to work on next year's theme....

The Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge

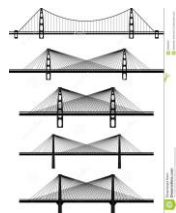
This year every student in Year 8 took part in the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge as part of their regular Computing lessons. This challenge is organised in over 40 countries, and is sponsored by both The University of Oxford and Google. The challenge is designed to get students all over the world excited about computing; while introducing them to computational thinking. The challenges are made of a set of short problems called Bebras tasks, and are delivered online. The tasks are fun, engaging, and based on problems that Computer

Scientists often meet and enjoy solving. The tasks can be solved without prior knowledge but instead require logical thinking. The aim is to solve as many as you can in the allotted time. The Computing Department is delighted to report that 23 pupils finished with a score that ranked them in the top 10% of the country with the top score coming from Millie Atherton.



Murphy Engineering Railway Project

In June, Year 8 students from the TAC Faculty visited the Murphy Engineering Railway Project on Meadow Lane, Croston. This visit was part of our STEM event to help raise the profile of engineering and computing within industry. During the visit, students listened to a presentation by a team of engineers. The presentation helped students to understand what work was being carried out on Meadow Lane as well as showing future career paths that students may wish to consider. Students were also taken down the site with the chief engineer to see the bridge repairs take place and ask questions. Back at school, students have begun to research and then design a bridge using 2D-Design. Once complete, students will use the laser cutter to cut-out their designs before constructing them for weight testing. On 18 July, engineers from the Murphy group will be visiting Bishop Rawstone to help judge the bridges and decide on the winning teams. There will be 3 winners selected, each being awarded £30 in vouchers. In addition, the Murphy group will also be setting up their virtual reality kit so that students can experience other engineering projects across the world.



Cheerleading

The Year 9 Cheerleading team were very successful at this year's National Cheerleading Championships, held in Manchester. They had worked very hard for this and scooped 1st place in the Pom Dance category and 3rd place in the Cheerleading category. A massive congratulations goes out to all of the girls. They are now National Champions at KS3!



Congratulations and Well Done!



One of our Year 9 students, was recently invited to sing at a garden party at



Kensington Palace. In attendance was Prince Harry and Meghan, along with a number of celebrities, including Simon Cowell and David Walliams. This young lady's next appearance will be on The Voice Kids, UK.

Drama School

Recently, following a rigorous audition process, Ellie Lewis secured a place on a very prestigious musical theatre BTEC course at a Liverpool-based drama school, starting in September. As a talented and committed actor, Ellie has been acting from a very young age completing all the levels of her LAMDA musical theatre qualifications alongside all her school work, GCSE studies and revision. This is credit to her hard work and commitment to the performing arts. Congratulations to Ellie as only 25 students have been accepted on to the course out of hundreds who auditioned. Ellie is someone to look out for in the future - she is very talented!

BMX World Championships

Congratulation to Emma Jeffers, Year 8, who recently gained 2nd place in the BMX World Championships in Baku.

Fund Raising - Well done to:

Eloise Ackers, Year 9, who recently raised money for St Paul's Eye Appeal. Eloise was able to hand the money to staff at the hospital and was given a tour of the eye unit.

Also, Abi Wareing, Year 9, through a 'Bake Sale' raised money for Cancer Research UK and St Catherine's Hospice, both charities being very close to Abi's heart.

UNIFORM

Reminder - the new skirt, which is available from Favourites, in Croston, is expected to be worn by all female students upon their return to school after the summer holidays in August 2018.

REMINDERS

Autumn Half-Term holiday

As of 2018/2019 we will have a two-week break in October and 5 weeks in the Summer term. Please visit our website for a list of holiday dates.

Updated Contacts

Please ensure that school is provided with any changes to your data. Addresses, work phone numbers, and mobile phone numbers are updated so that we are able to make contact should an issue occur in school. Also, please ensure that email addresses are kept up to date to enable you to receive information and to enable you to access the parental app.

Absence

Parents **must** inform the school office of their child's absence by 9.30am on **each** day. A letter should be sent on return to school. Letters are also requested for hospital and dental appointments.

Seatbelts on school buses

Could we please ask parents to remind all students who travel to and from school on a bus that they must wear their seatbelts at all times.



Medication

Should it be necessary for a student to bring medication into school they must hand it into the Mrs Ball, in Room A3, immediately upon arrival. It is the student's responsibility to call at room A3, at the appropriate time, to take the medication. We also ask that parents supply instructions of the times at which the medication is to be taken. Under no circumstances must a student carry medication around with them whilst in school.



Mobile Phones



Mobile phones must be switched off and kept in students' bags at all times whilst in school.

Term and Holiday Dates 2018 - 2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018

STAFF INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 28 August 2018

School re-opens on

Wednesday 29 August 2018
Years 7 and 11 only

Thursday 30 August 2018
All Years

STAFF INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 4 October 2018 (Open Evening)

Closure after school

Friday 19 October 2018

School re-opens on

Monday 5 November 2018

Closure after school on

Friday 21 December 2018 **at 1.15pm**

SPRING TERM 2019

School re-opens on

Monday 7 January 2019

Closure after school on

Friday 15 February 2019

School re-opens on

Monday 25 February 2019

Closure after school on

Friday 5 April 2019 **at 2.00pm**

SUMMER TERM 2019

School re-opens

Tuesday 23 April 2019

MAY DAY HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 6 May 2019

Closure after school on

Friday 24 May 2019

School re-opens on

Monday 3 June 2019

Closure after school on

Friday 19 July 2019 **at 1.15pm**

STAFF INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

MONDAY 22 JULY 2019

STAFF INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

TUESDAY 23 JULY 2019

STAFF INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2019

Please note that any leave of absence will only be granted in very special or exceptional circumstances. We strongly urge parents to avoid taking children out of school for holidays during term time. The Headteacher remains the final arbiter for any requests made.

