

25 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

This will be the final newsletter before the Easter break.

### **Free School Meal Vouchers over Easter**

For the past two years the parents of students in receipt of free school meals have received a voucher for £15 per week over school holidays. Lancashire County Council has announced that parents will receive a voucher for £55 to cover the two week Easter break. The amount is larger than expected allowing recipient families the benefit of expending the additional money on food or essential clothing items (retailer permitting). This will be delivered in the usual way from 1 April 2022.

### **School Uniform**

We have now secured a second uniform supplier called Bang Bang Uniform Shop which is at 91 Lancaster Road, Preston. Their website is at <https://bangbangschoolwear.co.uk>

The Uniform and Leisure Company on Poulton Street in Kirkham continues to provide our uniform as it has done for several years.

The school uniform policy page on the website will be updated to reflect this change which we hope gives parents and carers more choice.


As always as we come to the end of term could I please take this opportunity to ask that students do come to school dressed in full school uniform. We have a high standard of uniform and want to maintain that with students having a pride in their appearance. I would ask that that nothing is done over the Easter holidays regarding hair, piercings, nails etc that would cause a problem when we return on Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **MES (Maths, English and Science) Evening Years 10 and 11**

On 31 March, between 4.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. there is an opportunity in school for invited parents and students of Year 11 to meet with their English, Maths and Science teachers as we move into final preparation for GCSE's. Please note these meetings are for *invited* parents and students and not the whole year group. Running alongside this will also be a Careers Fayre to which all Year 10 and 11 are invited with their parents – Post 16 providers will be present along with a number of businesses and representatives of industry. We do encourage you to attend and further, more specific information will be sent out nearer the time.

Also, Blackpool and Fylde College are having a 'Meet the Experts' event on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm. This will be an opportunity to engage in taster sessions of Post 16 subjects. Sessions can be booked using the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-the-experts-at-bfc-tickets-301390435907>

The banner features six circular headshots of diverse individuals. Below them, the text 'Meet the Experts at B&FC' is displayed in red and black. To the right, there is a line-art illustration of four people standing together. The overall design is clean and professional.

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Find out about your next steps as a school leaver at our Meet the Experts event

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### **Dance Show**

Many congratulations to all the students involved in the Dance show this week. It was a superb evening of entertainment last night demonstrating fantastic dance and choreography across the school and the second show is at 7.00 pm this evening, Friday 25 March. Thank you to all the staff involved in choreography, preparation and front of house.

Finally, this has been a very challenging term and both staff and student attendance have been seriously impacted upon by Covid and other illnesses. This last week has been particularly challenging with staff absence and I am very grateful to the staff who have gone above and beyond in covering lessons or teaching multiple groups. I think everyone will be ready for the Easter break and I hope all students and staff have a good break.

We will only be 4 weeks away from exams for Year 11 when we return and it is really important Year 11 use the holiday sensibly to revise and prepare for exams – the effort put in now will be worth it.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Waller  
Headteacher