

July 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

This will be the final newsletter of the academic year. It has certainly been a challenging one with so much uncertainty and absence following covid but we have continued to move forward as a school. We recently had a review by two serving inspectors and they felt that we have made great strides in those curriculum areas that Ofsted asked us to focus on and that those curriculum areas are now ambitious, have clearly sequenced programmes of learning and have identified the key learning at all stages. We continue to work on the response to any name calling and unkind behaviour – the vast majority of students in a whole school survey believe we deal with this well but there are those who have a different perception and we want to get it right for all.

### **Sports Dinner**

It was really lovely to see so many of our young people at the Sports Dinner yesterday evening to award so many certificates, cups and trophies. The students had certainly gone to a lot of effort to look so smart and they seemed to really enjoy the evening. Thank you to the PE staff for organising this event and to the staff who attended. Congratulations to Lucas in Year 10 who won the school's Sports Personality of the Year.

### **London Trips**

Two groups of students enjoyed a trip to London this week. Thank you to staff from the Performing Arts and Maths departments for organising these – the students all had a very enjoyable time.

### **Extreme Heat Warning**

Monday and Tuesday of next week are anticipated to be very hot and we are now just above the Red alert area. Students will be permitted to wear Carr Hill PE kit (no other items) if they wish and I would ask that they maintain high standards of appearance etc. Any kit items that are not part of our PE kit will result in students being out of circulation. Please do ensure that all students have a hat, are wearing sun cream and have additional water bottles with them. The field will not be open at lunchtime as there is no shade at all and so would be dangerous in this extreme heat. There will also be no outdoor PE where there is no shade.

### **Staffing**

At the end of this term we will be saying good bye to a number of colleagues. I would like to thank them for all they have contributed to the school and wish them well for what comes next.

Staff leaving:

- Miss North, Subject Lead for Science is retiring
- Mrs Bradley, teacher of MFL is retiring
- Miss Chauhan, Mr Middleton, Mrs Boughen and Mr Lomas in Maths are moving on to different roles
- Mr Bamba, one of our cover supervisors, is relocating to another part of the country
- Miss Arroyo, one of our Teaching Assistants is undertaking a teacher training course.

We have replaced all these staff with specialist teachers and added in additional staff to reduce some class sizes, especially in Maths.

Staff joining us:

- Dr Kitching will be the new Subject Lead in Science
- Mr Ford, Mr Heaney, Mr Hussain and Miss Gillanders will join us in the Maths Faculty
- Miss Wyeth will join the English team
- Miss Sim is joining the PE team
- Miss Edmondson-Mott (already here) will continue within the Technology team
- Mr Scarborough (already here) will continue within the Geography team

We are also expanding SEN provision with new roles to focus on SEMH, Access arrangements and EHCP reviews. These staff are Mrs Dolphin (already in the school), Mr Scaife who is joining us from a special school and Mrs Gallagher (already here) will continue as a Teaching Assistant.

### **Final week of term**

Apart from contending with the heat in the early part of next week, there are also many other activities in the final week of term. Years 9 and 10 will have a presentation on the dangers of Knife crime and I am very grateful to one of our parents for sponsoring these presentations. On Thursday there are a variety of reward trips and on Friday there will be celebration assemblies for all year groups.

### **Summer Holidays**

I wish all our students and their families a very enjoyable and safe summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming Year 11 and our new Year 7 on Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> and the rest of the school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Advance Notice**

Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup> will be the Information Evening for parents of Years 10 and 11 students. We have booked a company called 'Elevate' to speak about how parents and carers can best help their sons and daughters to achieve and representatives of local Post 16 providers will also be present.

With very best wishes and thanks for your ongoing support through what has been another challenging year.

Yours faithfully



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