



22-26 June

#SDW20

This week is **Schools Diversity Week** which is a national celebration of LGBT+ equality in schools.. The link below will take you to more information: <https://www.justlikeus.org/>

We will be running events and awareness across the week; you should have received a separate letter detailing this.

School staff attended equality and diversity training last week on protected characteristics as part of our work with Diversity Role Models. Thank you to those parents who completed the survey; we will be sharing findings in due course.

Uniform

The updated uniform policy - including the addition of shorts in the summer - is being discussed at the Full Governors' meeting this week. We will be in touch with details following this - students should continue to wear uniform as per the current policy until notified otherwise.

Student voice has also been considered including discussion with our Equalities Team to ensure our updated policy reflects/supports our school community.



Forthcoming strike action

The National Executive of the National Education Union (NEU) has agreed two further days of strike action this term. The days of action will be on **Wednesday July 5th and Friday July 7th.**

These strike days are covered by an existing ballot of members, which closed in January. We will send some further comms ASAP about whether we will have to close again to year groups on these dates.

Please also remember: this Friday 30th June is a staff training day and school is closed to students.

End of term arrangements

Last day of term is Friday 21st July. Students will finish at 12.15pm.

There are lots of trips, activities and rewards events happening at the end of term. These apply to different groups of students; your child will receive individual letters/invitations depending on the event.



Filming in school - Wednesday 28th June



We have a two person team in school filming for new promotional material for our website / social media on Wednesday.

Please **make sure your film/photo permissions are up to date** and let school know asap if you are NOT happy for your child to be involved in any film or photography work.



Mighty Hike

Over 25 staff are taking part in the Macmillan Cancer Might Hike half marathon on the Northumberland coast next month. This is in memory of Lisa Kennedy, our colleague who passed away earlier this year. We have raised just over 70% of our £6,000 target; please help us get to 100% by donating at the link below. You can donate to the staff team as a whole or individual staff members.

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/lisalongbentonheroes2023?invite=true>