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- Looking forward to results – fingers crossed for positive outcomes. The invigilators report that the students' attitudes have been exemplary.
- Attendance continues to rise, persistent absence continues to fall. Exclusions are continuing to fall as the standard of behaviour improves.
- New reports have been sent out to Years 7 and 8 - some families report finding them a little 'vague' but finding the parents' evening very useful in understanding. Further information will be available of the new reporting system on the website in due course.
- The leadership of the school continues to develop – the college is moving away from faculties to individual heads of subject. This encourages accountability with of subjects but also better conversations within each area.
- The college continues to develop a knowledge-based curriculum with the other secondary school in the trust – Bishop Justus – whilst we work together we will still be developing a curriculum for our school that draws upon the local area in particular – we are seeing subjects such as geography and history really drawing on the local area.
- The priorities for next year are curriculum development, pedagogy and continuing improvements to behaviour management.
- Call for governance – the college (and primary) are still seeking appointments to the advisory councils. Do contact the college for more details on how to get involved with the school.

Questions & Answers

Q. What are the arrangements for PE?

A. There have been some challenges around staffing this year which has required us to change PE arrangements during the course of the year. WE are aiming for a male, boys' PE teacher and a female, girls' PE teacher however one of our colleagues is currently on maternity leave. When she returns this staffing model should be in place.

Q. How can I support my child with 'choices'?

A. The college provides significant formal provision and support around careers, information, advice and guidance. Within the 'choices' programme there are a number of events that take place which will guide children and their families through the process. Getting children where they need to be is very much the 'business' of Year 9.

Q. Will the building works be ready for September?

A. Mostly, but there will be some remedial works continuing in the new academic year. Reception will be moving from the front of the college to the studio to facilitate works.

Q. Will there be a librarian?

A. Yes, interviews are taking place next week. There is planned investment over the next year for the library to bring stock up to date and revive the library in new surrounds. Programmes such as Accelerated Reader will be considered in the future but alongside a rigorous review of the effectiveness of existing provision.

Q. What is SAM Learning?

A. It has two layers – firstly, a comprehensive revision tool and secondly, a one-to-one tutoring provision. Students use it in different ways but we will be reviewing the use of the tool for the next academic year. Homework in Key Stage 3 continues to be developed.