

19th January 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and enjoyed the snow that we experienced earlier in the week!

Student Attendance (All Parents/ Carers)

Attendance of students to school is a national concern at present and we are no different. On two days this week well over 10% of children have been absent from school. This is clearly something that can't continue. Children are best placed to learn when they are in school, on time and I would urge you to work with us to secure significant improvements in attendance this half term.

The correlation between success and attendance cannot be disputed and this is something we have to work together to improve. If you need any help with supporting improvements in attendance, please ask a colleague in school.

Primary Lunch - Price Increase (Primary and Nursery Parents/ Carers)

This is a repeat of the message from last week giving notice that from 1st April 2024, primary paid meals will rise to £2.50 per day and nursery paid meals will rise to £2.10. This does not affect children who do not pay for meals nor have we been informed of any planned increases to secondary meal prices.

Wow Moments in School this Week (All Parents/ Carers)

The Wow moments for this week are below. Well done to everyone involved.

- Kelsie in Y10 has created an excellent textiles portfolio, the work is amazing.
- Year 8 went to UCLAN on Wednesday and had a good day learning about possible futures.
- James in Y11 has modelled a fantastic welcoming, polite and mature demeanour when engaging with visitors in school this week.
- Year 6 have worked really hard this week to complete mock SATs tests in preparation for their actual tests in May.
- A 'clash of the titans' competition commenced this week in Year 11. All children are in either the Blue Team (led by Mrs. Shaw) or Red Team (led by Mr. Bradshaw). They are earning points by carrying out additional revision activities with the losing team leader carrying out a public forfeit while the winning team gets a treat! Thank you to parents for encouraging revision and attendance at interventions.



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Young Carers (All Parents/ Carers)

Please be aware that we are in the process of updating our register of Unity children who are Young Carers. The purpose of this is to enable an understanding of additional demands and pressures that this might entail and to support children.

This information is held confidentially. We will be asking children next week if they feel this applies.

If you wish as a parent/ carer to inform us of this situation, please respond to the question in the upcoming questionnaire which will be sent to all parents or contact the student support team in school.

Compass Curriculum (Y9 Parents/ Carers)

We have discussed a curriculum offer with Year 9 children this week and shared some information with parents/ carers. If you missed the letter, it is on the academy website - [Click here](#)

Online Safety Support for Parents/ Carers (All Parents/ Carers)

We have recently signed up to an online platform that offers online safety videos made specifically for parents/ carers. They are hosted by Myleene Klass and are very short. There is no cost to accessing these.

Click [here](#) to access the link to this week's online safety guide for parents.

You can also sign up for The National College for free and view a wide range of resources and videos to support your family with online safety. To do this follow the link below:

[Sign up tutorial video](#)

<https://help.nationalcollege.com/parent-walkthrough>

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Primary Newsletter

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Reporting Bullying or Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)

To report any pastoral/ bullying concerns, simply click on 'Menu' and under the 'Parents' heading choose 'Raise a concern' or [click here](#).

Reporting Absence (All Parents/ Carers)

If students are absent from school for any reason, please call the school on the main switchboard number above (01253 355493) to report the absence as soon as possible each day. If this is before the school opens, a message can be left on the answerphone. These are checked daily.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. Cooke
Headteacher