

On Track Education

Dear All,

Wow this feels like it has been such a long Summer Term! It seems like only a few weeks ago that we were under lots of snow and now we are in the middle of a heat-wave. The students (and the staff) have shown real resilience to get through 13 weeks of school in such a positive way.

Added to all of this we were visited by Ofsted a couple of weeks ago. As a new school we had been waiting for them to come all year but it is still a busy few days when they are with us. Again, the students and the staff team handled the visit really well and showed us at our best. As I write this I am still not allowed to share the judgement or the report with anybody but I hope to be able to share it in the next few days or weeks. Once we are allowed to publish it, all staff, parents and carers will receive an official letter and the report.



Student sickness



Thank you to the many parents and carers who are so good at letting us know at the start of the day if their child will be off sick. For the sake of stopping bugs getting into the school and infecting everybody we do ask that students do not return to school for 48 hours after episodes of vomiting or diarrhea. I know this may cause childcare difficulties but we do need to ensure we don't increase the amount of infection amongst the students or the staff.

Healthy Eating

We are trying to support our students to make healthy life choices in as many areas as possible. We want them to be able to exercise to the best of their potential and to make healthy food choices. It would be great if you could be part of this by sending students in with packed lunches containing the most healthy food possible.

Phones in School

We totally understand that young people's phones are very important to them, but we are finding that they are becoming a real distraction for some of our students, and also a cause of tension between them. If a student's phone is causing these issues we will tell you and will ask for your support in helping to reduce the amount some students are trying to use their phones in school.



Exam Successes

You may not be aware but we have changed our exam system so that students can now take Functional Skills and Entry Level exams when they are ready to and not just on a few days each year. This has allowed more students to achieve qualifications than ever before. Thank you to the students and also to Helen Finn (Curriculum Manager) and Kate Fussell (Exams Officer) for working so hard to set up and run the system.



We are continuing to work with parents, carers and the Local Authority to ensure that our students are in school when they should be. Good attendance is crucial to achievement, and we all want our children to achieve their best and reach their potential.

If your son or daughter is off sick for ten consecutive days we have a duty to report this to the Local Authority. When there is extended absence through illness we also require medical evidence such as a note from your GP.

If your son or daughter is regularly absent we will discuss with you any issues that may be preventing regular attendance, and then decide how we can move things forward.

Please let us know as soon as possible on 01271 372269 if your child is not going to be in school—please leave us a message if nobody is available to answer the telephone.

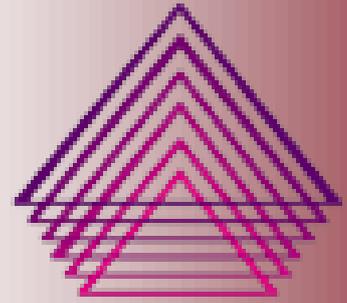
Times of the School Day

Please be aware that from the start of next term, the students' school day will start at 9.15 and not 9.30. This is to give all students a transition time at the start of the day so that valuable learning time is not lost in the time it takes many of our young people to get prepared mentally for the school day. If your child comes to us by taxi the local authority will notify you of the new pick-up time.

The school day will still end for students at 2.30 every afternoon.

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Important!

**The Autumn Term starts for students on
Wednesday 5th September. The term
dates for the year are on our website.**

*I wish you all restful
Summer holiday —
see you in September
for the 2018-19
academic year! Jon*