



Friday 21st April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed a pleasant Easter break – as we start the summer term and the final push to exams for Year 11, this will also be a busy term for Years 7 to 10 with lots going on.

Ski trip 2023

My thanks to Mr Leadbeater and the staff team who accompanied 60+ pupils on the ski trip over the holidays – they report that our pupils were a pleasure to be with and that they were skiing brilliantly by the end of the week. Participants have been really positive about the whole experience and I know that many are clamouring for another trip next year; watch this space.

Dates for your diary this half term

Thursday 27th April – proposed industrial action in schools*

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May - proposed industrial action in schools*

Thursday 4th May – **Year 8 Parents' Evening** (click [here](#) to book)

University of Salford trip (Year 10s)

Monday 8th May – Additional Bank Holiday to mark the King's coronation

Monday 15th May – Live GCSE exams begin

Friday 26th May – school finishes for the one week half term break

* I'm sure you'll be aware of the education unions' response to the government's disappointing pay and funding offer for schools and so it is likely that we will be subject to further days of strike action. Whilst very limited in what we can offer, we will endeavour to put in support for Year 11 pupils during any days affected at this crucial time.

Library books

A plea for the return of any library books that are hiding in a corner at home – we really need these back to keep up our stock levels so that other pupils can borrow them. This is especially relevant to Year 11 ... please, please dig out any overdue books and just pop them in the black plastic box outside the catering classrooms. Huge thanks!

Personal Development

KS3 students start their Relationships, Health and Sex Education lessons this term as part of the wider Personal Development curriculum; full details are available on the school website.

Year 11 info

School Prom

A reminder that any year 11 students who have yet to sign up for our school prom on Thursday 6th July can do so via ParentPay. This brilliant event will again take place at the Village Hotel in Ashton and will include a red carpet entrance, buffet and DJ. Full payment of £26 per person is required by the end of May to secure a place.

Leavers' Hoodies

Mrs Addison has confirmed that the Leavers' Hoodies for the class of 2023 are now ready to order by clicking [here](#). The **deadline for ordering is Wednesday 3rd May**. Hoodies will be delivered to school for issue on Friday 26 May (approx).

School Uniform

Should you need any additional uniform items for the last term of this academic year, we do have a stock of clean, good quality uniform available via Reception at a very small cost.

After the great success of our first ever 'Pop Up Uniform Shop' last summer, we will run this again during the summer holidays to recycle uniform items with plenty wear left in them. Any relevant items in good, clean condition would be gratefully received.

I wish everyone a lovely weekend and, to all of our pupils and families who are celebrating Eid al-Fitr this weekend, we wish you a joyful and peaceful Eid with your family and friends. **Eid Mubarak!**

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