

Thursday 16th February 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Hello everyone... here is my last update letter before a well-earned half term holiday!

Non-Uniform Day

Just a reminder that tomorrow is a non-uniform day in support of two charities that have recently supported two members of our school community with bereavements. Students should bring £1 to wear their own (appropriate) clothes for the day.

Comic Relief Day – Friday 17th March

As I wrote in my last letter, we are going to embrace Comic Relief Day this year. Mrs Deer has met the Student Council today (Thursday) to start to plan; details to follow.



Student Council Updates

I have met with the Student Council a few times this year and we have agreed the following:

- We have ordered two additional table tennis tables for the yard
- We have ordered additional benches for the Atrium for Y7/8 seating
- The lesson change over bells will be turned off in the 6th form block but remain on in the corridors – if you are a parent of a 6th Form student you will understand this
- Fitting air quality sensors in the toilets to detect if a vape is being used...

We have a small number of students who have used vapes in the toilets; obviously this is unacceptable. These sensors will help us to eradicate this as the overwhelming majority of our students don't like this behaviour. Students found with a vape in school will be given one of a range of sanctions including fixed term suspensions. This BBC article, [Experts warn over vaping packaging - BBC News](#), is an interesting starting point for parents keen to learn more about 'vapes' including the information that, in 2015, it became illegal to sell any vaping device to children under the age of 18.

Teacher strike

The next date that affects our region is Wednesday 1st March. Like last time, I am anticipating that all students will be in school – I will write with details if that changes.

Trips and excursions

Our first residential trip of the year leaves tomorrow morning – 36 6th Form Students are off to New York and Washington for the week and in March 90 students in Year 8 and 9 are heading off to Paris. We

are currently planning our Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions and Year 7 camp and the students have been consulted about preferences for reward and end of year trips. Lots of exciting opportunities to look forward to.

Toilet Passes

I have become increasingly concerned about the number of students who have a toilet pass and 'need' to go to the toilet multiple times during the day. A letter has already gone out to parents saying that, from Monday, 6th March, only students whose parents have supplied medical evidence will be given a new look toilet pass which will be signed by members of staff so parents can see how many times their child goes to the toilet during lesson time. We need to minimise toilet visits as each one is lost learning. There are five opportunities to go to the toilet during the day – for students and staff. Obviously, students who have a 'personal emergency' will be allowed to go during a lesson.

DAY	DATE	Pass used 1	Pass used 2	Pass used 3	Pass used 4
Mon	06/03/2023				
Tue	07/03/2023				
Wed	08/03/2023				
Thu	09/03/2023				
Fri	10/03/2023				
Mon	13/03/2023				
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Mon	27/03/2023				
Tue	28/03/2023				
Wed	29/03/2023				
Thu	30/03/2023				
Fri	31/03/2023				

IF LOST PLEASE
RETURN TO THE
WELLBEING HUB.
Thank you.



Toilet pass
2022/23

NAME _____

FORM _____



The household support fund

The household support fund is due to end for applications in March. The final date for school accepting applications for financial support is Monday 13th March. Any queries please email phs-office@phs.jtmat.co.uk for the attention of Mrs. Deer (Deputy headteacher).

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of our school and your child's education. Have a great half term holiday.

Kind regards,

Ian McArthur
Headteacher.
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