



April 14<sup>th</sup> 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good Easter break and that your children are ready to return to school on Monday for an 8.45am start. I am delighted that there has been such positive engagement from our students over the last two weeks. We have seen two groups of students venture to the continent for school visits and a further group of staff and students brave the rain as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. I feel genuinely lucky to have so many committed staff who have given of their time over the Easter break to give our students such great experiences beyond the classroom. In each case there has also been exceptional feedback about the behaviour and character of our students whilst representing our school on visits. This should make parents as proud as it does me.

### Year 11

I would also like to offer a shout out to our Year 11 students, working hard towards their summer exams, many of whom have joined us in school over the break to attend revision classes. Again, I am grateful to staff who have facilitated these sessions. Just keep going Year 11 – you've got this! We are all so proud of what you are doing to secure yourselves the best possible future.

### Return to School

As you know I often start the new term with a plea for parents to support us in the smooth running of the school. It makes a real difference to us when parents support us with key messages particularly around uniform and equipment. This term we are, once again, keeping it simple and asking that parents support us with four key drivers.

- **Be here on time** - *Registration and every lesson of the day.*
- **Be dressed correctly** - *Perfect uniform throughout the school day.*
- **Be equipped** - *Pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, planner, uniform card and bag.*
- **Be polite** - *Stop when asked to, be kind and helpful in all that you do.*

All of the above really help our school community to feel happy and safe for all. In recent weeks the school has launched it's Kindness Army which I know will do great work to drive the school culture that we want for our school community.

### Parent Voice

Please accept my apologies for the delay in sending out our parent voice survey. The senior team in school made some changes at the end of last term and I didn't wish to send it out over the break. It will be with you next week. Please do share your views, positively and negatively. The students and staff have recently completed theirs, and this helps us to get better at what we do. The next parent forum meeting is



scheduled for Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, however I would like to share parent survey feedback at this meeting and thus am proposing a change of date to **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm.**

## **Union Strike Action**

As you will be aware the NEU has voted for continued strike action. Once I have assessed the situation in school next week I will inform you of the final arrangements. It is highly likely that we, once again, will prioritise our Year 11 students but may have to request that other year groups access their learning remotely. The planned strike days as it stands, are listed below.

Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> 2023

Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023

If the strike action does go ahead this will also impact the year 8 parents' evening currently planned for April 27<sup>th</sup>.

I am looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday, in hopefully better weather!  
With thanks for your continued support.

Mr N S Coe

Headteacher