

8 June 2016

Dear Parent / Carer

End of Year Arrangements

As you are aware, this academic year ends on Friday 22nd July 2016. Students will be dismissed from school at 12.35pm, although lunch will be available for all students, including those entitled to free school meals, until 1.00pm.

Key Dates 2016-17

I would like to share with you some of the key dates for the forthcoming academic year; these can be found overleaf.

New School Day

Following feedback from parents, students and taking into account case studies in local schools, we will be changing the school day to make it easier for lessons to start promptly. Please note there will be no change to school start and end times.

Here is how the school day will look from September:

08.40am	Lesson 1 (incl. 5 minute registration)
09.35am	Lesson 2
10.25am	Tutor Registration & Collective Worship
10.40am	Break
10.55am	Lesson 3
11.45am	Lesson 4
12.35pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Tutor Registration & Accelerated Reader
1.35pm	Lesson 5
2.25pm	Lesson 6
3.15pm	End of School Day & Extra Curricular Activities

New School Uniform

I am delighted that so many of our families have already placed orders for their new school uniform from our suppliers, **National Schoolwear Centre, Hanley**. Can I please remind you that orders for mandatory garments are now being taken and that we are hosting sales events in school on 7th July between 6pm and 7pm, and also in the store on 21st July and 28th July until 7pm. All uniform must be purchased before 15th August in order for you to receive items before the start of the new term. Those who wish to do so may place orders in store and collect from the school's reception between 10am and 2pm on 18th August and 25th August.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for the school and its staff, and to wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

Yours faithfully



Emily Verow
Headteacher

Key Dates – 2016-2017

5 th – 6 th September	Staff INSET Days
7 th September	Start of new academic year
13 th September	Open Evening (19.00-21.00hours)
21 st September	PTFA Annual General Meeting (18.00-19.00hours)
24 th September	Open Morning (10.00-12.00hours)
26 th September	Parent Power Meeting (18.00-19.00hours)
3 rd – 7 th October	Year 11 & 13 Mock Examinations
21 st October	School Closed to students to allow move to new buildings
24 th – 28 th October	October Half Term
31 st – 4 th November	School Closed to students to allow move to new buildings
7 th November	School Re-opens to all students in new buildings
7 th November	Year 11 & 13 Mock Examinations Results Day
8 th November	Year 11 & 13 Full Student Reports issued to Parents
9 th November	Year 7-10 & Year 12 Interim Student Reports issued to Parents
10 th November	Student Awards Evening (19.00-21.00hours)
11 th November	Whole School Photographs
15 th November	Year 11 & 13 Parents Evening (16.00-19.00hours)
28 th Nov – 2 nd December	Year 7-10 & Year 12 Assessment Week
7 th December	PTFA Christmas Fayre (17.00-19.00hours)
14 th December	Christmas Concert (19.00-21.00hours)
19 th Dec – 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays
9 th January	Parent Power Meeting (18.00-19.00hours)
9 th January	Year 10 & 12 Full Student Reports issued to Parents
10 th January	Year 7-9, 11 & 13 Interim Student Reports issued to Parents
16 th January	Year 10 & 12 Parents Evening (16.00-19.00hours)
6 th – 10 th February	Year 11 & 13 Mock Examinations
20 th – 24 th February	February Half Term
28 th February	Year 11 & 13 Mock Examinations Results Day
6 th March	Year 9 Full Student Reports issued to Parents
7 th March	Year 7-8, 10-13 Interim Student Reports issued to Parents
9 th March	Year 9 Parents Evening (16.00-19.00hours)
13 th March	Parent Power Meeting (18.00-19.00hours)
13 th – 17 th March	Year 7-10 & Year 12 Assessment Week
7 th April	Staff INSET Day
10 th – 21 st April	Easter Holidays
1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday
2 nd May	Year 8 Full Student Reports issued to Parents
3 rd May	Year 7, 9-13 Interim Student Reports issued to Parents
8 th May	Parent Power Meeting (18.00-19.00hours)
10 th May	Year 8 Parents Evening (16.00-19.00hours)
26 th May	Year 11 Leavers Prom
29 th May – 2 nd June	May Half Term
12 th June	Year 7 Full Student Reports issued to Parents
13 th June	Year 8-13 Interim Student Reports issued to Parents
15 th June	Year 7 Parents Evening (16.00-19.00hours)
17 th June	PTFA Family Fun Day (10.30-14.00hours)
19 th – 23 rd June	Year 7 & 9 End of Year Examinations
26 th – 30 th June	Year 8 & 10 End of Year Examinations
26 th June	Parent Power Meeting (18.00-19.00hours)
20 th July	Year 7-10 End of Year Reports issued to Parents
20 th July	Last day of academic year
21 st & 24 th July	Staff Flexi-INSET Days
25 th July – 1 st September	Summer Holidays