

28th March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the Spring term comes to an end next week, I would like to inform you that the school will close on Friday 5th April at the normal time of 3.10pm. School re-opens on **Wednesday 24th April** for the summer term, which promises to be another busy and enjoyable one for the school and its students. Can I remind you that school will also be closed on **Monday 6th May** for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Examinations:

Of course, for our year 11 students, this is the beginning of a busy period leading up to their GCSE examinations and hopefully they will be preparing for this by carefully and steadily revising. I do hope that they dedicate some of their Easter break to these activities to give themselves the best possible base to achieve success from. Some subjects will be holding intervention and catch-up classes during the Easter holiday and students have been informed if they are expected to attend. Please can I ask parents to ensure their children take every opportunity to prepare for the exams and also check the GCSE timetable for their examinations.

All pupils in years 7–10 will also have internal school examinations in the coming term. With GCSEs all being linear exams at the end of the course it is important for students to get into the habit of sitting end of year, formal exams at the earliest possible opportunity.

Ethos updates:

- We introduced the new tartan skirt for all Year 7 girls last September in place of the black skirt. Many of the young ladies from the older years have purchased the new tartan skirt, replacing their black skirts. We expect all female students to who choose to wear a skirt to school to have the tartan skirt from September 2019. This is the final phase of the new uniform change which we introduced two years ago.
- Pupils can only make good progress and enjoy school if they have the correct equipment to use in lessons and for home work. Please can you ensure your child is fully equipped for school and check they have everything at the start of school each day, e.g. Pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, calculator and exercise books.
- As we move into the glorious summer term the weather will become warmer, we advise students to carry a water bottle which they can refill at the waters stations during break and lunch only. The field will be open after the Easter break and we welcome students to sit with their friends, relax and enjoy the weather. In response to comments from our Student Council, we have moved all ball games to the hard-courts and astro-turf pitch.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter and hope that the holidays are a time for you all to share some family relaxation and rejuvenation in preparation for the next term.

Yours faithfully,



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