

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### **Building work across Easter**

We are having building work during the Easter holidays to improve the security around the reception areas. The visitor carpark will now be fenced off and there will be a fence with a gate between the staffroom wall and the perimeter hedge. All access will be via reception. As a result of the new fencing, we will trial parents waiting inside the gate for drop off and pick up. This will hopefully be safer and reduce congestion on the pavement. All the building work around the new classrooms is complete and the field has been turfed. The KS4 students are very excited about a summer term with the whole field back in use.

### **Arbor**

Our admin team have been busy this term introducing a new Information Management System called Arbor. This is an integrated system for managing all communications and student records. We have started with our attendance and communications and will be adding more modules across the summer term such as a new parent pay module. Look out for further updates from the admin team.

### **Activities Week**

We are going to have an end of year activities week again this year. It will be in the penultimate week of term. Each year group will have one day off site. The other days will be 'off timetable enrichment days' such as an Art Day or History Day. Look out for more details next term from each year group team.

### **Teaching and Learning Update**

Weydon Multi-Academy Trust's teaching and learning strategy is called FLOW. For all teaching staff it focuses on:

- Subject passion and pedagogy (the craft and skills we use to teach)
- The power of planning and explanation to ensure student knowledge and skills grow.
- Responsive teaching – using assessment strategies to tailor lessons to each students developing understanding of a topic.

This year, along with the other Trust schools our emphasis has been that 'Every Second Matters'. We have been focusing on our lesson start and finish routines, ensuring that our students always move from lesson to lesson calmly, line up for lessons and leave lessons in an orderly manner. This ensures that we use the whole time of each lesson and maximizes learning time. Each lesson also starts with a 'Do It Now Task'. This is a short task to help students recall what they learnt in the last lesson and cues them in for the learning for the lesson they have just started.

### **New Covid arrangements**

A newsletter wouldn't be complete without a mention of Covid. The main changes for the summer term are:

- The removal of asymptomatic weekly testing
- If you are feeling unwell, have a temperature and are 19 years of age or over, stay at home for 5 days until your temperature has returned to normal
- If you are feeling unwell, have a temperature and are 18 years of age or under, stay at home for 3 days until your temperature has returned to normal

### **Staff**

We have two staff leaving us this term. Julie Priestly, one of our Year 10 teaching assistants, is moving on to a new role as a teaching assistant in a primary school and Gemma Ridland, one of our Y8 team is relocating to Wiltshire. We would like to thank them for all their hard work supporting our students and wish them well in their new endeavors.

After a busy term I hope everyone has an enjoyable and restful Easter break.



Paul Walsh: Headteacher

## Diary Dates

### Annual Review Dates

EHCP Annual review dates 2021 / 22	
Y8	w/c 25/04/22 & w/c 02/05/21 (BH 03/05/22)
Y7	w/c 16/05/22 & w/c 23/05/22

### 2022-2023 Term Dates

#### Summer Term 2022

Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Students return to school at 9am
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	May Bank holiday
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	HALF TERM
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	End of term assemblies
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Last day of term - break up at 1.30pm

#### Autumn Term 2022

Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep	INSET 1
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	INSET 2
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y7 Orientation Day
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8-11 return to school at 9am
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	HALF TERM
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> /Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Late November Break (School closed)
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term assemblies
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term - break up at 1.30pm

#### Spring Term 2023

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Bank Holiday
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Students return to school at 9am
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	HALF TERM
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET 3
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	End of term assemblies
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar.	Last day of term - break up at 1.30pm

#### Summer Term 2023

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Students return to school at 9am
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Bank holiday
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	HALF TERM
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	End of term assemblies
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Last day of term - break up at 1.30pm