

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half term of a school year is always a very busy one as our new Year 7 get settled in, Year 10 get used to being part of KS4 and Year 11 gear up for their final year and all their accreditations. Year 7 have settled in fantastically well and Year 11 have really stepped up as role models for our younger students.

In September we were due to have a new Deputy Headteacher join the school team but unfortunately, he was not able to start due to personal circumstances. We have undertaken another round of recruitment and I am delighted to be able to tell you that Mrs Zara Wright will be joining us as Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Wright is currently the Director of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) for WMAT and has been on secondment at The Park since the start of term. She will continue in her SEND Director role for 1 day a week and will be Deputy Head for the other four days at The Park. She has a wealth of experience in SEND and we are looking forward to her taking up her permanent role with us in November. Many parents will already have met her at the school gate and staff are looking forward to the passion and enthusiasm she will bring to our team.

Macmillan Coffee morning



We had a wonderful Macmillan Coffee Morning in September with 26 families able to join us. Our Y11 Food Tech students did an amazing job of serving cake and refreshments.

Look out for details of Mr McCarthy's Bingo evening on Thursday 8th November.

Harvest Assembly

Students enjoyed an extended Harvest assembly today, here are a few photos of the afternoon;



Christmas Carol Service

At Christmas we will be having our Christmas Carol Service with students performing. Due to updated Fire Safety Regulation, we are limited to the number of people we can safely have in the hall. Students will watch the dress rehearsal in the morning and parents are invited to an afternoon performance (details to follow).

Weekly Updates

Mrs Hampshire in the office has started to send out a weekly update of key information.

Teaching and Learning update

Weydon Multi-Academy Trust's teaching and learning strategy is called FLOW. FLOW is how we aim to deliver consistently excellent lessons and maximize the opportunities for learning. Flow focuses on four areas which are:

- each teachers' subject passion and teaching skills
- the importance of high-quality planning and explanation
- responsive teaching that focuses on the needs of each learner
- high quality expectations and professional relationships that consistently demonstrate the positive attitudes, values and behaviour which are expected of students

This year all the schools are continuing to focus on the start and end of the lesson. Our belief is that 'Every Second Matters'. After all the disruption of COVID and the lockdowns we need to maximize the amount of time students have to learn. We are focusing on strong starts to each lesson with a Do It Now Task, that gives students chance to recall what they did in the previous lesson. We already have the logbook routine at the end of the lesson, and this is being built into an efficient finish to each lesson and transition to the next lesson. In addition to this we are focusing on ensuring that all tasks match the needs of each learner and that staff use questions in a targeted and focused manner.

Start and end of the day

Please can parents and carers call the office daily if students are unwell and if there are any changes to arrangements at the end of the day.

Six tips to help students at the start of the day

1. Help them get their school bag packed the night before
2. Make sure their uniform is ready, especially after the holidays or weekend
3. Get them to bed at a reasonable time so that they have a good night's sleep
4. Set the alarm clock early enough to allow plenty of time to get ready
5. Make sure they have breakfast
6. Check they have everything they need – diary, pencil case, reading book, PE kit etc

I hope everyone has an enjoyable half term!



Paul Walsh: Headteacher

2021-2022 Diary

Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 1st September	Inset - School Closed
Friday 2nd September	Inset - School Closed
Monday 5th September	Y7 Orientation Day
Tuesday 6th September	Yr8-Yr11 Return to School 9.00am
Friday 21st October	Finish for half term 3.00pm
Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October	Half Term
Monday 31st October	Back to School 9.00am
Friday 25th November	Late November Break School Closed
Monday 28th November	Late November Break School Closed
Tuesday 29th November	Back to School 9.00am
Friday 16th December	Finish for Holidays 1.30pm
Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January 23	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2023

Monday 2nd January	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 3rd January	Back to School 9.00am
Friday 10th February	Finish for Half Term 3.00pm
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February	Half Term
Monday 20th February	Back to School 9.00am
Monday 13th March	Inset-school closed
Friday 31st March	Finish for holidays 1.30pm
Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April	Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April	Back to School 9.00am
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Friday 26th May	Finish for Half Term 3.00pm
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June	Half Term
Monday 5th June	Back to School 9.00am
Thursday 20th July	Finish for Holidays 1.30pm