



7 April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: End and start of term arrangements

I would like to forward my sincere thanks to you all for the very supportive way that you have helped us to enjoy the most 'normal' of spring terms since 2019. It has been fabulous to see so many students being able to showcase their talents and passions. I cannot list all the very wide variety of examples that have brought so much pleasure back to our school community but some notable examples would include:

- World Book Day
- The 'Encore Talent Show'
- Year 7 inter-form Performing Arts Competition
- Year 8 Colour Family Dance Competition
- The many Sports Festivals and Tournaments that we have competed in
- Drama 'flexi-days'
- Celebratory Church services

All these events, and many more, make our school the enriching place that we want it to be. I hope that your daughter will be confident to involve herself in the many opportunities that will be forthcoming as the summer term starts to unfold.

This spring term has also seen a significant reduction in the number of students who have contracted COVID-19. Whilst we are certainly not immune from the issues of contraction; we have managed to return to schooling 'as we know it' for the whole academic year. Whilst cases amongst the students have been low and manageable; we have had only three days across the whole school year where a year group has had to study remotely in order to help us to operate on reduced staffing. This compares very favourably with national averages where many students have had to study remotely for considerable periods or frequencies. My sincere thanks go to the students and parents/carers of Years 8-10 for their support when this strategy has had to be utilised.

Shortly after my letter reaches you, you will be made aware of your daughters 'Attitude to Learning' (ATL) scores for the spring term. Please do discuss these with your daughter and take some time to reflect on the (hopefully many) positive areas reported whilst devising plans for how to improve further where necessary. We all have areas in which we can improve and reflecting upon that, with an open mind, is all part of the learning/development

process as I am sure you would agree.

Our spring term will end tomorrow at 3.20pm and the summer term will commence from Monday 25th April 2022 at the normal time. This is also the day that all work experience forms must be given to the school from Year 10 students or their families.

Please allow me to remind you that there is early closure at 2pm on Thursday 28th April, an INSET day on Friday 29th April, and a Bank Holiday on Monday 2nd May 2022.

Finally, on behalf of all of our staff, I would like to wish you a wonderful Easter with your family and friends. Thank you so much once again for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Chris Keating
Headteacher