

14 October 2022

## Re: End of Term Letter

Dear Parents and Carers

I cannot quite believe that we have already reached the end of the first half term of this academic year. It has been busy, productive and very positive, but I think it is fair to say, everyone is now ready for a well-earned rest!

## Term Dates

- This half term finishes at 3.15pm on Friday 14th October.
- All children return to school at 8.40am on Monday 31st October.

## Other Key Dates

- Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Examinations: week beginning 31st October and (Year 11 only) week beginning 7th November.
- Sixth Form Open Evening: 4.30pm to 6.30pm on Monday 7th November. (Further details here)
- Year 11 and Year 13 Online Progress Evening: Wednesday 7th December

## Newsletter

Our latest newsletter outlining some of the exciting events, trips and opportunities that our pupils have been involved in this half term can be found on our website here: [Newsletter – October 2022](#).

## Progress and Attainment

You may recall from a previous letter that we were thrilled with the performance of our Year 11 pupils and A-Level students last year.

Final, validated results are yet to be published by the government, but early indications are that we are well on course for record results, including for:

- The proportion of pupils who achieved a grade 5 or higher in both English and Maths.
- The proportion of pupils who achieved a grade 7 or higher in both English and Maths.
- The proportion of pupils who achieved a grade 5 or higher in every element of the English Baccalaureate (English, Maths, Science, History or Geography, and a Modern Foreign Language).
- The overall progress made by pupils.
- The average point score per entry at A Level.

I will update you when these are published early next half term.

## Behaviour

As you are aware, we introduced a new behaviour policy this term, which we have called The NGA Way.

We know that achieving exceptional standards of behaviour and conduct leads to exceptional academic performance and progress for all of our pupils. High standards particularly support those from disadvantaged backgrounds. Our ethos is to do this in a way that reinforces positive behaviour and allows children to demonstrate they can learn from their mistakes.

This half term, teachers have awarded a phenomenal 32,251 BUILD points (and still counting) to pupils who have demonstrated the NGA Way or shown they are working to BUILD their Future, BUILD their Relationships or BUILD our Community.

I am also very grateful to you for your support in ensuring your children attend any same-day, after-school detentions they are set. This has allowed us to quickly hold restorative conversations, underline expectations and reset for a fresh start the following day.

As a result of all of this we have seen a significant reduction in the number of incidents of disruption in lessons, a huge improvement in the amount of homework being completed on time, and the vast majority of our pupils meeting our high expectations on a daily basis. This can only further support the progress and achievement of your children.

However, despite this overwhelming success, there are still some pockets of misconduct that we would like your help in eliminating.

Pupils are awarded misconduct points for issues such as poor uniform, lateness to lessons, chewing gum or eating in classrooms or corridors. These are all things that are very much within a pupil's control - they choose whether to meet our expectation or not. These are not trivial rules that we ask pupils to follow. They each play an important part in establishing the safe, clean, high quality and high performing environment I know you want your children to be educated in. I would therefore ask that you continue to reinforce our expectations and standards at home and support us in the event that we need to issue escalating sanctions for repeated failure to meet the required standard.

## Half Term Holiday

Families that receive Free School Meals will, once again, receive Edenred Vouchers from the City Council for the half term break.

I hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half term and look forward to seeing you all in 2 weeks.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Tungate  
Principal

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- We strive to fulfil everyone's learning potential. • We value high standards, hard work and a ceaseless desire to improve.
  - We provide a safe, kind, nurturing and inclusive environment. • We enjoy the journey together.

