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SUMMER NEWSLETTER – June 2018

Dear Parent

With GCSE exams well underway and staff appointments for September already having taken place, we wanted to give you an update on key matters. We also wanted to thank you for all the support given to the school, staff and young people over the past year. Many of the achievements recognised in this newsletter, and in the Review which you recently received information about, are down to the strong partnerships between school, parents and the community. We are very proud of these achievements and will, therefore, also be sharing information about them and other events in our Community Newsletter which will be delivered to all local homes shortly.

School Fence

After months of planning, we are very pleased to announce that work on constructing the school fence and security gate systems will begin within the next six weeks. Once complete there will be no access to the school site for vehicles or pedestrians unless entry is permitted via the communication system at the bottom of the school drive. Permission will not be given for dropping off or picking up students unless there is a specific disability or injury that means that this is required. We do, therefore, recommend that parents plan alternative arrangements which also do not cause problems for our immediate neighbours.

The safety of our young people has to be our priority and I know many of you will very much welcome the news that by September the fence and the additional safety and security measures will be in place.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

With so many demands placed on Year 11 students, it is an amazing achievement that over a quarter of them completed the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award this year. Led by Mr Lye and Mrs Lloyd most of the practical, volunteering and expedition challenges took place during Year 10.

Students received their certificates and bronze badges from Miss Moore in a special assembly.



Upcoming Events

Monday 18th June

Y9 Reports to Students

Thursday 21st June

Y7 Parents' Evening

Friday 22nd June

Teacher Inset Day

Wednesday 27th June

Y11 School Prom

Monday 16th July

Y10 Reports to Students
Awards' Evening

Friday 20th July

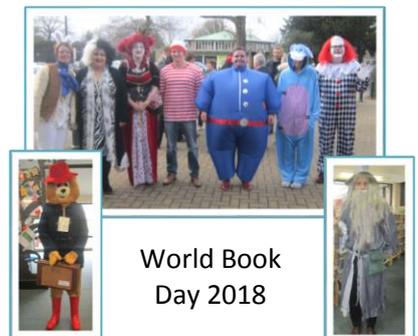
Last day of Term

Monday 3rd September

Teacher Inset Day

Tuesday 4th September

Students return to school



World Book
Day 2018

Community Craft Club

The 'Craft and Chat' group (Thursday Evenings 6pm) have been busy making around 50 Twiddlemuffs/lap blankets to distribute between the four local care homes and a Dementia group who meet in Hasland. The group are also helping to produce knitted/crocheted Armistice Day poppies which will form a cascade of poppies from the Town Hall balcony. We would very much welcome any parents who would like to come along to the group and join in the activities.



Social Media

We have over the past year been made aware of comments made about the school on social media that are not correct but yet have been read by many of you as factual accounts. Some of them, alleging incidents that have taken place in and out of school, have caused distress for parents, students and staff because of incorrect information being placed in a public arena. We understand that this is an issue facing most schools and Derbyshire County Council provide us with legal advice as to how to address it. We would urge all parents, therefore, to approach social media sites with some degree of caution and scepticism and contact the school if you require information about particular matters or have any concerns.

Uniform

Following requests from parents to simplify the current arrangements to avoid confusion and problems over what are deemed to be suitable school trousers and skirts, we are aiming to introduce standardised trousers and skirts, identifiable by an embroidered school logo. The aim is that from September, these will be worn by all Year 7 students. So that other parents have more time to plan for this change, Years 8-11 students will be expected to wear these from January 2019. Further details will be provided in a separate letter over the next couple of weeks. We wanted, however, to give you as much notice as possible and thank those parents who suggested that this change would be a good way forward while maintaining the smart appearance and relatively inexpensive current uniform.

Badminton Finalists

Students from Hasland Hall Community School won the Borough event in January and became Derbyshire Champions at the County Finals in February. They went on to represent Derbyshire at the Regional Finals at Nottingham University on 19 March 2018 where they achieved the amazing place of runners up.



Sports Day

Sports Day will be taking place on Monday 25th June on the school playing field as follows:

9.00am–10.40am - Year 7 and 8
11.10am–12.50pm - Year 9 and 10

Parents are welcome to attend the event. This year, more students will be involved in the different field, track and sporting activities. Tutor Groups are also being asked to select students to photograph and report on the events.

Police Youth Engagement Team



Miss Moore and Mrs Elvin recently spent Friday evening with the Police Youth Engagement Team in Chesterfield and Hasland as part of the joint work on addressing anti-social behaviour in the local community. The Team regularly visit the school to share information and work with individual students.

Parent Governors

Vacancies remain for Parent Governors. If you are interested in joining the Governing Body, please contact Wendy Whitfield, Headteacher's PA.

If weather conditions mean the event cannot go ahead, we would inform parents by text.