



Year 7 Update

22.05.26

Parents' evening

A quick reminder that our Parent Consultation Evening will be held on Thursday 4th June. These 5-minute appointments are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's current progress, with conversations focusing specifically on their learning and academic development. Please note that some of our staff teach multiple classes, meaning slots are limited and appointments have been issued on a first-come, first-served basis. If you were unable to secure a slot with a specific teacher, please contact them via the school office to arrange for feedback. Finally, because these evening appointments are brief, we kindly ask that any broader or major concerns be raised with the class teacher outside of this event so they can be given the dedicated time they deserve. We look forward to connecting with you! Top tip; log on 5 minutes before your first appointment to ensure your camera and microphone are working.

Fidget aids

We have recently noticed an increase in the number of children bringing fidget aids into school. To maintain a focused classroom environment, please note that the only fidget aids approved by our Learning Support (LS) department are small spring rings, wheel rings, or Blu-Tack, as they are discreet and silent to use. Moving forward, teachers will be closely monitoring their classrooms and challenging the use of any unapproved items that cause a distraction. For a student to use a fidget aid in class, formal approval must be granted by either the Learning Support department or their Year Leader (who will then report it to LS). We appreciate your support in helping us keep our learning spaces productive and distraction-free.

Reminder: Personal Items and Toys at School

We kindly remind all parents and carers that students should not be bringing personal items, toys, or games, including items like water pistols, into school. While we understand the temptation to bring these items in, they can easily cause distractions in the classroom, lead to disagreements on the playground, or unfortunately get lost or damaged. To help us maintain a safe and focused learning environment, please ensure your child leaves all personal toys and novelties at home. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Assessment Week

Well done to all Year 7 students, who have worked really hard on their core 6 assessments during the week. We wish them all a relaxing and well deserved break over half term.

Safeguarding Snapshot

This week's Safeguarding Snapshot is regarding the Mental Health Awareness Week which was 11th to 17th May. Please [[click here](#)] for further information.

VLT Notices

Please [[click here](#)] for the current job vacancies across the VLT schools.

Equipment Check

After half term we will be commencing weekly equipment checks in all year groups. With the half term approaching next week, students will have an excellent opportunity to review and replenish any missing equipment items. We kindly ask that you use this time to check that your child has all the necessary tools required for their daily lessons.

For your convenience, a checklist of the standard compulsory equipment is detailed below:

Required Equipment Checklist

- **Pencil Case:** Ideally clear, in compliance with future examination regulations.
- **Pens:** Multiple black and blue pens.
- **Feedback Pens:** One green pen
- **Pencils:** Multiple standard pencils.
- **Mathematics Tools:**
 - Ruler
 - Scientific calculator
- **Stationery Essentials:**
 - Glue stick
 - Rubber / Eraser
- **Reading Material:** A current reading book.
- **Hydration:** A reusable water bottle.

Please note: Highlighters are optional

Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us maintain high standards of preparation and organisation.

Summer Term Key Dates

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May – Half Term	
Thursday 4 th June	Year 7 parent consultation evening (online)
Monday 15 th June	Student Photos - Y8, Y9, Y10
Friday 19 th June	Year 7 reports issued
Wednesday 24 th June	Sports Day Year 8 and 10
Thursday 25 th June	Sports Day Year 7 and 9
Friday 26th June	Inset Day (school closed to students)
w/c Monday 13 th July	Silver awards assemblies – Years 7, 8, 9 and 10
Friday 17th July	End of Summer Term (12.20pm finish)