

PARENT FORUM 08 10 21

All settled back well. Students are tired, haven't been at school for this long since the pandemic, two weeks left until half term.

The change of time by five minutes for gates closing makes a difference as buses are erratic. Students need to be in class by 8.35am, the change of time was to ensure that they made it into class at this time rather than through the gate. Will look at how many children are late and speak to the team.

Parents very encouraged by the exam results - well done to the school. Been to St Dominic's Parish recently, a number of ex-students are still attending there and a large number of successful Alumni who will be returning to school to do some inspirational work with the students. Our Chair of Governors is an ex-student and financial manager at Barclays. Staff here work every hard to achieve these results.

Current News items are the impact of poverty in young people. We are narrowing those gaps and have appointed staff to work with the girls in particularly Caribbean.

Do not accept bullying at school. We take these matters very seriously but there is a big impact on this from social media behaviour, which is why the school does not allow mobile phones. Parents feel that bullying needs to be addressed at home in the first instance. Parenting classes are run by Courtney Brown ex-member of staff which are about working together to share knowledge and expertise on parenting.

Breakfast club is back up and running, please encourage your children to attend.

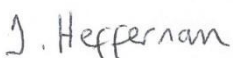
Year 7 team have been very responsive and dealt with my issues and daughter's concern very quickly – thank you. I have still not received parent passwords still not been received.

Year 7 parents' evening is not until March. Would like to fill learning gaps with my child as soon as possible. Early testing been happening in school, would like to receive indication of her levels please. Year 7, 8, 9 have all received reading tests. Reading results should have been sent home but we will check and resend. Students who need additional support with reading are on an 8 week programme and are below their reading age. AP1 exams happen after half term. Maths are carrying out their internal tests (SATS), these test results can be sent home to parents – MathsWatch is being used by students. On the school website is our schemes of work which detail the topics being taught. Lexia programme works on literacy.

The Parent Forums are really appreciated. Discussions, outcomes and updates are available on the website.

Covid vaccination concerns: The school will be seeking parents' consent. The LA is organising this for 12-15 year olds, they will set a date for this to take place and organise the administration via the school. It is likely to be in November. Cardinal Pole does not participate in the Gillick process, we support written consent from parents only. The sign up consent will be taken 48 hours in advance electronically.

IT staff to come online next week and you can resolve issues directly with them.



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