

PARENT FORUM 06 05 22

Welcome!

Ms Benning is conducting the meeting today as Mr Hall is unable to attend.

Please note this is not the forum for asking individual questions, any specific questions about your child should be raised with your Head of Year.

Second week with Chartwells the new caterer, the food is being enjoyed by the students, the school council will be meeting with Chartwells shortly to provide them with their feedback from the students. There is a comment box in the canteen where feedback can be provided. There is a much greater choice of food in the canteen. In the longer term there will be machines available that will dispense flavoured water which can be re-filled using a token. Currently there are fruit infused water stations so please send your child in with a re-fillable water bottle to ensure that they fill up throughout the day.

Still waiting for our Ofsted report, we will share this with you as soon as we receive it.

Trips: We have started to explore the options of various trips for all the year groups, in particular, we are looking at residential trip for year 9 and possibly youth hostel trips taking place later this term.

Year 9 have had retreats this week run by the Chaplaincy team and Caritas. They have been very well received and well engaged. This continues next week for Year 9. All year groups all have the opportunity to participate in these retreats through the course of the academic year.

I extend Mr Hall's invitation to share lunch with the students and himself in order that you might be able to experience the new caterers and view the lunch system in school. The cost of this will be covered by the school so please make contact with the office if you would like to attend.

Exams start for Year 11 & 13 on the 16th May, MFL has already started this week. A whole series of interventions are in place to support your child including Saturday school and drop down days which lead up to the main exams. The arrangements for the exams have been communicated to the students and yourselves along with study skills booklets. Further revision sessions will take place during the May half term also.

AP2 examinations for Years 7-10 & Year 12 begin week commencing 27th June, once the public examinations for Year 11 & 13 have finished. A comprehensive timetable of exams will be sent to students and parents, please encourage your child to revise over the half term. They will all receive a topic list, and this will be discussed with them as well as how to revise. During the last week of before half term, PHSE will be devoted to revision skills also. The AP2 exams will go on all week and then dedicated time is given over to the students after the papers are marked to review and discuss their subject papers/results.

Culture week/sports day will commence towards the end of the year, the curriculum is suspended and as a way of celebrating the students' achievements, there are a range of trips/visits organised, details of which are being planned at present.



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