



27th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Spring Term Week 4 Headteacher Update

This week our Year 11 Parents' Evening takes place via School Cloud. If you have not already made an appointment, I would encourage you to do this as a matter of urgency. You will receive your child's termly data before the evening, and I would suggest that you read it before the Parents' Evening on Thursday to aid your discussions with class teachers. Please pay particular attention to your child's Current Working Grade, Attitude to Learning and their current attendance. Dr Guscott will be writing to Parents of Year 11 about the forthcoming mock examinations in March. As always, we ask for your continued support in encouraging your child to prepare thoroughly for these assessments and please do encourage them to attend the catch-up sessions.

Mrs Dooley sent a letter last week to update parents and carers about ongoing issues with the school bus service, including delays, route inconsistencies, and reliability concerns. She assured families that these issues have been raised with the Bee Network, individual bus operators, and the Local Authority. A meeting with Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM), the Local Authority, and local Headteachers is planned to find effective solutions. Parents/carers were encouraged to share further concerns via the school office or report directly to the Bee Network. If you have not seen this letter, I would advise that you read it via the app.

This is a reminder that the Ski Trip Information Evening will take place tomorrow night, Tuesday 28th January, at 6pm in the main hall. This is an important meeting for parents and children attending the trip, as we will provide key details about the itinerary, packing lists, and safety information. All information has been sent by Mrs Bennett, so please ensure you review it beforehand. We look forward to seeing you there and answering any questions you may have.

Yesterday, we heard the Gospel of Luke, where Jesus declares, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled." He speaks of bringing hope, healing, and liberation to the world, fulfilling the promises of God in real time. This message resonates deeply with our school family, where every day we strive to fulfil our mission of nurturing each child to reach their God-given potential. Just as Jesus embodied compassion, justice, and service, we work to create an environment where these values are lived out through our care for one another, commitment to excellence, and focus on serving the wider community. Through our collective efforts, we make these scriptural promises a reality in the lives of our children, staff, and families.

Have a fantastic week and if you need anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch
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Yours faithfully

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