

25th April 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to term 5. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child is on time and ready to learn. This is hugely and much appreciated. This is a short term of 5 weeks and we congratulate our students on how they have returned and engaged with their learning.

Last term we held our new Senior student interviews and we were delighted to have appointed 3 students to these prestigious roles. Our congratulations to Ollie, Elsie and Daniel who are our new Head Students. They interviewed so well and showed what wonderful role models they are. They will be leading a student leadership team of over 180 student leaders across all year groups and over 14 committees and groups.



Congratulations also to Nel our senior deputy head student who will lead our press team as well as Buddy, Lexi and Selma who were also made Deputy Head Students

We also appointed 8 super House captains who will drive our house system forward. So congratulations to Tegan and Isabelle of Atlas, Daisie and Izzie of Barbary, Casey and Amy of Mosbach and Paige and Isabelle of Nubian.

## Attendance

<b>Attendance year to date = 91.9 %</b> <b>Persistent Absence year to date = 24.7 % [less than 90%]</b> <b>Lates = 3.4 %</b>			
Year	YTD	PA	Lates
Year 7	93.1%	21.2%	1.6%
Year 8	92.0%	22.9%	2.8%
Year 9	91.8%	26.7%	4.2%
Year 10	92.3%	24.4%	3.6%
Year 11	89.4%	30.7%	5.5%

## Timings of the school day - a reminder

The school day begins at 8.15 am when all students are expected to be on site. Please can you ensure that your child arrives before this time. The restaurant is open in the mornings for breakfast and we would love to see more students making use of this facility. The school day finishes at 2.45 pm. This has made a vast improvement with the safety of students leaving the site, avoiding the additional traffic issues that arise from 3.00 pm onwards.

### **Year 11 message**

Best of luck to our year 11 cohort who start their GCSE exams this term. Photography students have already had their exam this week, while Art and French speaking exams take place next week. Keep up the hard work and please remember we are all here to help and support in any way we can.

### **Celebration assemblies this week**

It was wonderful to see so many students receiving BEAT awards and Lion badges in house assemblies this week. We hope that students have shared and celebrated their success with you at home.

### **Enrichment opportunities in term 5**

There are again plenty of enrichment opportunities during lunchtime and afterschool Tuesday - Thursday every week. Please check the website for what is available, there is something to suit everyone.

### **Future Events**

28th - 30th April - French Speaking Exams  
29th April - Immunisations Year 8 HPV second session  
29th April - 1st May - GCSE Art Exams  
1st May - Year 10 Parents' Evening  
4th - 9th May - Pencelli Trip  
5th May - Bank Holiday  
15th May - Year 8 Parents' Evening  
16th - 18th May - DofE Silver Practice Expedition  
20th May - Year 7 Culture Day  
21st May - Year 8 Culture Day  
22nd May - Year 9 Culture Day  
22nd May - Year 6 Parent Information Evening  
26th May - 30th May - Half Term

With our continued thanks. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information. Please be reminded that we have a 5 day response time.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett

**Headteacher**