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13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to parents who were able to join us last night for our tutor review evening. We hope you found this meeting useful at the start of the academic year.

Following on from our very well attended Careers Convention last week can I just remind parents of children in Year 11 that the Sixth Form Open Evening will take place at school on the evening of **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** between **5pm and 7.30pm** and prior to this you and your child will be invited to attend a 'Futures Evening' appointment to discuss possible next steps with a member of our senior team. This will take place on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. We very much look forward to speaking to you and your child. Other key dates for Term 2 can now be seen at the bottom of this update.

### **Late to school**

Unfortunately, we still have a number of students arriving late to school each day, impacting not only their own learning, but that of others in their tutor group and lessons. Could we please ask for your support in ensuring your child gets to school in good time, and in checking Class Charts to prompt a discussion around the importance of punctuality should your child have a "Late to school" or "Late to lesson" sanction.

### **RAG Week (Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October)**

We look forward to a full week of Raising And Giving as part of our annual RAG Week. This year RAG week will be in aid of Mend the Gap and Cancer Research. The week is organised by our Sixth Form team and includes several different fundraising activities. In this digital age, we ask that, if possible, parents provide their children with 'old-fashioned' cash for our whole school lunchtime RAG Fayre on Wednesday so that they can enjoy the many fundraising stalls that our Sixth Formers will be running. For Year 10 upwards, we also welcome students to buy tickets to hear their peers perform at RAG Fest (7.30 - 9.30pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October).

### **Year 7 - NGRT and NGST**

Year 7 spelling and reading tests continue into next week. Well done to the students who have completed these so far – there will be a timetable to allow students who have been absent to complete these.

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## End of school day

Apologies for raising this again, but we continue to need parental support in ensuring that students are safe as they leave the school site. Between 3pm and 4pm the streets around the school do get exceptionally busy, but we have staff on the three pedestrian gates at Greenfield Park, St Mary's Road and Clevedon Road (front gate to school). Students walking home, or meeting you off site, must leave by one of these gates please. If you are picking up on school site, this can only be from the coach park area off Clevedon Road. Those of you who do this will know how busy that space can become, and we do not allow students to walk out of that road gate for exactly that reason. Please can we ask that you reinforce these expectations at home.

We wish you and your family a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely



**Ms L Blundell**  
**Headteacher**

## Key Dates for Term 1

Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October: RAG Week

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> October: Year 11 GCSE Art Photography Mock Exam (all day)

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> October: Year 11 GCSE Art Photography Mock Exam (all day)

## Key Dates for Term 2

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October: 2.00 – 7.30 Year 11 Futures Evening

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> November: Year 11 GCSE Choreography Launch Day

Weds 8<sup>th</sup> November: Digital Day

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> November: Sixth form Open Evening

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> November: GCSE Music Recording Day

Weds 15<sup>th</sup> November: GCSE Music Recording Day

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need: Non uniform day

**Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> November: INSET DAY (Joint with LSP secondary schools)**

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> November: Year 8 Progress Evening (4pm-7.30pm)

*Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> December – Year 11 Mocks*

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> November: Year 13 Textiles Mock exam

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> November: Year 13 Textiles Mock exam, Nasal Flu Vaccinations Day 1 (year groups tbc)

Weds 29<sup>th</sup> November: Nasal Flu Vaccinations Day 2 (year groups tbc)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Parent Forum

Weds 6<sup>th</sup> December: Year 11 Textiles Mock Exam

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Year 11 Textiles Mock Exam

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Sixth Form Christmas Lunch, Christmas Concert all day rehearsal, Christmas Concert

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Year 7-11 Christmas lunch, Christmas Concert

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Last Day of Term – 12.30 finish for students