

01 September 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you enjoyed the summer holiday despite the rainy weather. I am very much looking forward to my new role and a positive start to the new school year and I wanted to take this opportunity to share some of my intentions with you. We have always recognised the importance of parental support for our standards and expectations in ensuring the success of students and allowing us to focus on our core business of teaching and learning.

We will very much continue the emphasis on maintaining high standards for both equipment and uniform and requirement details can be found on the website.

A key area for focus for us this year is homework and I will be monitoring the setting and completing of homework over this autumn term and would welcome any feedback on this from you. With the changes to the way students are going to be taking examinations in the future it is important that they develop independent study skills outside of the classroom and that they use homework time to constantly revise and consolidate learning and we will be working hard to support the development of effective independent learning routines.

I hope that students will take advantage of all the period 6 opportunities that are available to them and Miss Dewe will be updating the website so you can see what is available. Of course, 'study / homework club' will still run at 2.55pm every day in the library. I have also updated the website to include a quick check tool for key events for each year group, this is following feedback from Year 7 parents' evening. A new key event this year is a Year 11 Welcome Evening on Wednesday 24th September. This evening will cover what to expect for Year 11 in the year ahead, revision requirements, when mock exams fall and details of how you can support your child with revision, we will also discuss destinations for post-16.

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Di-Vito (Vesalius), Mrs Gent (Raleigh) and Mr Holmes (Director of Sixth Form) to my senior team and I know that they will continue to build relationships with you so you feel comfortable contacting the school. At the end of this letter I have listed some key staff should you need to contact Curriculum Leaders with any queries.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the school. Communication between the school and home are incredibly important and I will endeavour to keep you abreast of any changes throughout the year, please feel free to contact me at any time with any queries you may have. I feel incredibly lucky to lead such a wonderful school and continue all the hard and inspirational work of Mrs Maclean over the last five years.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Roach
Principal

Key Staff

College Leader Marlowe Behaviour and Standards	Mr M Boyle
College Leader Raleigh Achievement and Attainment	Mrs C Gent
College Leader Tyndale Data	Mr K Hall
College Leader Vesalius Teaching and Learning	Mrs G Di-Vito
College Leader Walsingham Teaching and Learning	Mr N Turner
Director of Sixth Form	Mr J Holmes
Achievement Support College Leader/SENCo	Miss C Waterhouse
Director of Mathematics	Miss S Rovira
Director of English	Mr A Roach
Curriculum Leader Science	Miss S Jordan
Curriculum Leader Arts	Mrs J Butler
Curriculum Leader Foundation	Miss Hurst-Earl
Curriculum Leader SAS / Independent Learning	Miss K Dewe
Lead Teacher for Art	Mrs C Mills
Lead Teacher for History and RE	Mr T Panah
Lead Teacher for Modern Foreign Languages	Mrs C Yates
Lead Teacher Geography	Miss E Rowe
Lead Teacher boys' PE	Mr M Barnes
Lead Teacher girls' PE	Miss J Chadderton
Lead Teacher Social Sciences	Miss S Cragg
Lead Teacher Computing	Mr S Longley
Learning Mentor Marlowe	Mrs D Band
Learning Mentor Raleigh	Mr C Cook
Learning Mentor Tyndale	Miss H Griffiths
Learning Mentor Vesalius	Miss L Denham
Learning Mentor Walsingham	Miss H Orme
Principal's PA	Mrs Dot Green

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2014

INSET day for all staff	Monday 1 st September
Term Begins	Tuesday 2 nd September
Half Term	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October
Term Ends	Thursday 18 th December
INSET day for all staff	Friday 19 th December

Spring Term 2015

INSET day for all staff	Monday 5 th January
Term Begins	Tuesday 6 th January
Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February
Term Ends	Thursday 26 March
INSET day for all staff	Friday 27 th March

Summer Term 2015

Term Begins	Monday 13 th April
Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May
Term Ends	Friday 17 th July
INSET day for all staff	Monday 20 th July

A Level results 2015	Thursday 13 th August (10.30am)
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GCSE results 2015	Thursday 20 th August (10.30am)
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