



7th March 2025

Dear Parents/carers

Another busy week here at school for a variety of reasons. I hope year 7 parents found their first subject evening with teachers informative yesterday evening. As always, with some staff teaching multiple groups across the year, there are not always enough time slots for all parents to have the opportunity to be seen through the online system. However, the subject evening on the calendar is not the only time that parents can contact staff to check in on progress and I would remind parents that email details for all teaching staff can be found on the website.

6th form students had another busy week outside of their timetabled lessons with the Berlin Trip for History and RS students returning on Wednesday. If you followed the group's social media updates over the course of the trip you will have seen the amazing experiences that were had. On Tuesday afternoon our U18 football team played Chew Valley School in the semi final of the Somerset cup and secured a place in the final with a 3-0 victory. I am very much looking forward to attending the final and will update you on the outcome in due course. Irrespective of the final result I have been incredibly proud of the team's conduct throughout the season.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

Re-setting expectations

With us being over half way through the academic year, staff and students have had the opportunity this week to take stock and be clear on our basic expectations. As I mentioned last week in my letter for the remainder of this term we are having a push on punctuality to lessons. With a building such as ours there is no reason for students to arrive significantly after their peers and yet, for some, this is a regular occurrence. Parents/carers will be aware that Classcharts notifies you when students are late to lessons throughout the day and for those repeat offenders, sanctions will be put in place.

In addition to the focus on punctuality, Heads of House and members of the senior team met with year 7 and 8 students in assembly this week to remind all concerned about the expectations we have in social times. Although the messages seem obvious (respecting others' personal space by not putting hands on others; mobile phone use not being permitted; staying safe by not running inside the building and respecting our fantastic facilities by not deliberately littering) there have been some spikes in incidents we felt it was important to tackle. As a reminder sanctions will be imposed if students do not meet these expectations, just as they would in lesson time.

Careers Sector Fair – Tuesday 11th March

Students should have seen the announcement on Classcharts referencing the next sector fair being held at school next Tuesday from period 4 onwards. This time we are lucky enough to have a range of professional services, such as finance, recruitment, business and law joining us. In addition, we have representatives from the Armed Forces, the police, teaching and coaching in attendance. Students in



years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 can sign up to attend through the form on Classcharts, with years 9 and 10 during period 4 and 11, 12 and 13 during period 5. All students and families can attend between 3pm and 4pm on the day.

Finally...the week also included the new cohort of year 7 joining in September having their places with us confirmed. The year group will be full, demonstrating the faith an increasing number of local families have in the work we are doing here in school. I take that responsibility very seriously and the staff here are continuing to work on our school priorities so that we can provide the very best experiences for the local community.

Have a lovely weekend.



Dee Elliott,

Head teacher

