



24th July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy, hardworking and enjoyable term I wanted to thank you again for your support this academic year. The term has been rounded off by three superbly entertaining and enjoyable Country Cabaret performances, the Swing Band's first ever recording session, Lunar Landing Day, complete with egg astronauts being launched on water powered rockets, moon buggies being raced and space stations being designed, and a very warm Sports Day where lots of school records were broken, despite the heat!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff team for their commitment, enthusiasm and hard work this year. We are saying goodbye to a number of colleagues this term. Mr Sainsbury, Mr Barker, Miss Andrews, and Mrs Floate, Assistant Headteacher, are leaving the school to move on to posts at other schools and colleges. Mrs Gascoyne is retiring after 14 years as a Technology teacher with schools in the Trust. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work and support for students and colleagues at Alderman White, and to wish them well in the future.

We are also saying goodbye to Mr Hyland who is retiring as Deputy Headteacher of Alderman White after 27 years' service at WHP Trust schools. I know you will want to join me in thanking Mr Hyland for his hard work and support for many young people over the years. It has been a pleasure to work with him this year, and we wish him well in his new adventures.

Whilst I know for now we are all focused on the summer holiday, this is a final opportunity to clarify arrangements for the start of the new school year. School opens for all students at **8.45am on Wednesday 4th September**.

Getting ready for the start of the new school year:

Please can I take this opportunity to ask that you ensure your son/daughter returns to school dressed in correct uniform – our uniform expectations are available on the school website and on the attachment to this email. In particular, please ensure that school skirts and trousers are of the correct length and fit. Socks should be plain black or white ankle or knee length (not trainer socks), and trousers cannot be cropped or "ankle grazer" style, or skintight. Skirts must be knee length and cannot be tube skirts. School jumpers or cardigans are optional but must have the correct logo. Please ensure that any new piercings other than one in each ear lobe happen at the start of the holiday so they can be removed during school hours, and avoid any extreme hairstyles in preparation for returning to school.

It is also important to ensure that your son/daughter has a school bag large enough to carry their books and equipment to and from school. They need a pencil case including several blue/black and green pens, pencils, a rubber and ruler. They may also choose to bring their own protractor and compass, highlighter pens and coloured pencils/pens and pencil sharpener, and are encouraged to have their own scientific calculator. We also encourage all students to bring a reusable drink bottle to reduce their use of single use plastics.

Phones and headphones may not be used in school at all, including at breaks and lunchtimes, and will be confiscated if they are seen or heard. Any valuables are brought to school at students own risk and we strongly advise that these are left at home.

Can I also remind you that standard fizzy drinks and energy drinks including lucozade are not permitted in school. Students may drink water only in lessons and water, or juice or squash based drinks at break and lunchtime.



Students need to arrive at school by 8.45am prepared and ready to learn. This includes having had enough sleep (8 – 10 hours) and having eaten breakfast. Please avoid absences during the school term wherever possible; please note that we are not able to authorize holidays during school term time and that you may be fined for your son/daughter's non-attendance if you take them out of school without authorization.

The first day:

Students need to arrive at school and go straight to their tutor room. A number of tutor groups will have a new tutor and tutor room. They are:

7BRK will become 8HOA (Miss Howard) and should go to W6

8PAL will become 9PRR (Mr Parker) and should go to W12

9AND will become 10BUK (Mrs Buckland and Mrs McLoughlin) and should go to W16

10FRI will become 11TOW (Mrs Towner) and should go to W18

10 AUG will become 11SUO (Mr Subbarao and Mrs Cork) and should go to W11

10HOA will become 11JON (Mrs Jones) and should go to W7

The new school year:

The calendar on our school website is kept up-to-date, so please check it regularly.

Our INSET Days for next year are **Friday 30th August 2019, Monday 2nd September 2019, Tuesday 3rd September 2019, Friday 14th February 2020 and Monday 6th July 2020.**

Other key dates in the first half of the Autumn term include:

Thursday 19th September 6.30-8.30pm: Year 5-6 Open Evening

18th – 30th September: German Exchange Visit to Nottingham

Thursday 26th September: How to Succeed in Year 11 (6.00pm) and Year 10 (7.00pm)

Thursday 3rd - Monday 7th October: Trust Madrid Trip

Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th October: Year 7 Walesby Trip

Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November: Half Term

I hope you and your family have a very relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday, and I look forward to working with you in the new school year.

Yours faithfully



Mrs A Mellors
Head of School