

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful and very busy few weeks in school. In addition to preparation for exams, which are now underway, DofE training and practice expedition season is upon us, with our Bronze groups successfully completing their practice expeditions last weekend, and our Silver cohort heading off for their 3 day/2-night paddling expedition on Sunday. Rehearsals are underway for our summer production of "Mangled", as well as our Summer concert and Jazz evening. Our Jazz Band and Photographers took part in a Careers Showcase Event at Nottingham Castle, and we have hosted a Year 9 and 10 Careers Fair, with lots of positive feedback from students and visitors.

GCSE exams:

Our amazing Year 11 students have now completed the first week of their GCSE exams, after working very hard during the last few weeks of preparation. We have been really impressed by the resilience, determination, "can do" attitude and the fact that they are still smiling. The rest of the school are being very supportive by moving quietly around the site while exams are taking place each morning and afternoon. Many of our Year 11 students continue to use the 'Revise til 5' provision as well as accessing our breakfast exam preparation sessions. We hope that students will get some time to rest and recharge over half term, but we will also be offering on-site and remote revision support sessions on the Monday-Wednesday of half term – further details to follow.

Sporting Engagement and Achievements:

We have had a real focus on developing sporting participation and achievement. This term, over 50 students took part in the Nottingham Rugby Casuals Schools Festival with team victories, our Year 7 Cricket team have reached the semi-finals after topping their group, and we finished 3rd in the Intermediate and 1st in the Junior Broxtowe Athletics Competitions, with 26 students selected to represent Broxtowe. Thank you and well done to all the students who are sporting ambassadors for Alderman White, and to parents and staff for all their support and encouragement.

Senior Leaders:

I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful team of Year 11 Senior Students led by Lead Students Abbie and Jamie. They have all been incredibly organised and efficient, delivering on all of the projects they had planned to enhance and improve our school, being superb role models for younger students and demonstrating the power of student leadership. They have organised and run fund raising discos, set up a student newspaper, set up and run a very well attended Gay Straight Alliance group, run breakfast club and homework club, led the Environment Ambassadors and School Council.

School Uniform - summer variation:

In light of changes to the national guidance with regard to school uniform, and feedback from students, Governors have agreed an adjustment to our school uniform during the Summer Term and until the end of September which is that black shorts of a reasonable length in standard school trouser material may be worn on days when the forecast maximum temperature is 20°C or more. Our uniform providers are going to be stocking appropriate shorts, and we are updating our website to illustrate the sort of shorts that are appropriate. If you have any questions or want to check an item before you purchase it, please contact Mrs Holling on mandy.holling@whptrust.org.

Year 9-10 Progress Exams:

Year 10 Progress Exams will take place from Monday 27th June – Friday 8th July. Year 9 will also have formal end of year exams for English, Maths and Science. We will be sending home further information and discussing with students how best they can prepare for these exams.

All students complete regular assessment activities. Many of these are “low stakes” quizzes that inform teaching and support progress, but students also have termly assessment activities in all year groups. We do not hold more formal end of year tests or exams in Year 7 or 8. You can read more about our approach to assessments and tests on our website:

<https://aldermanwhite.school/curriculum/assessment>

Coronavirus Update:

So far this term, 12 students and 1 member of staff have tested positive for coronavirus. 6 of the students are in Year 10, 2 are in Year 7, 1 is in Year 8, and 3 are in Year 9. Six of these cases have occurred in the last week. We continue to ask that:

- *Anyone with a high temperature or who feels too unwell to attend school should not attend site.*
- *Students who have symptoms that indicate that they are likely to have coronavirus (or any other highly infectious illness) should stay at home until they are feeling better.*
- *Students who test positive for coronavirus should not attend site for at least 3 days, and until they feel well. We ask that any positive coronavirus tests are reported to school and that the return to school date is agreed in advance.*
- *You continue to make us aware of any confirmed or likely household coronavirus cases. We do ask that people with household cases where a mask as much as possible indoors (unless exempt).*

Parent Feedback:

We welcome the positive and constructive feedback that we receive from parents. We aim to complete annual questionnaires with students, staff and parents and would really appreciate it if you could complete the anonymous parent questionnaire by following the link below. It should only take a few minutes to complete.

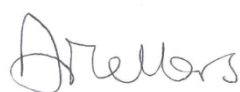
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We will feedback a summary of the feedback received and our response to all parents.

Our next Parent Forum meeting is on Wednesday 14th June at 6.30pm. If you would like to attend the meeting or add an item to the agenda, please contact Heather Crofts, our School Administrator, on white@whptrust.org or 0115 917 0424.

I hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs A Mellors

Headteacher