



10th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable half term, although it seems rather a long time ago already. This week I have spoken to students in Year 7-10 in assembly about the importance of being inspired and inspiring others, linking this to events over half term - the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Nottingham Forest's return to the Premier League after 23 years, both events that were celebrated by many within our local community.

OFSTED Inspection:

As you are aware, this week we have had a Section 8 OFSTED Inspection. This is a short inspection carried out to confirm that the school remains a good school. OFSTED follow a strict quality assurance process and so I am not yet able to share the outcome of the visit with you – the report will be published within 38 working days and we will share it with you as soon as we are able to do so. The inspectors were very impressed by our students' behaviour and attitudes, in particular their friendliness, the respectful way they treat each other, and the high expectations they have of themselves and other students.

Thank you very much to all the parents and carers who took the time to complete the Parent View survey at such short notice, especially so soon after completing our school parent survey, and for your positive feedback - I am delighted that 99% of the parents who completed the Parent View survey would recommend the school. As a school we do not get to see the text responses provided to OFSTED, but are analysing the results of the school parent survey completed before half term.

We haven't done anything additional or different "for OFSTED", so this week has very much been business as usual both during and after the inspection. The inspection has confirmed that, supported by our Local Governing Body and WHP Trust, we have a good understanding of what we do well and what we can make even better. We will continue to work together with parents and students to make our school the best it can be, with a strong focus on community, opportunities, inclusion, and our INSPIRE values.

Year 11 Exams:

Our Year 11 students have completed a third successful week of exams – the busiest week for many. The final English exam was today and the final Maths exam is on Monday morning. From Monday, Year 11 students will attend school part time for exams and lessons in subjects where they have not yet completed all of the exams. Mr Young has written to Year 11 parents and students with further details.

Water Coolers:

With the involvement of our School Council our 2 rather aged water fountains have been replaced by 4 water cooler stations. We ask that all students bring a refillable water bottle to school. Shorter water bottles will work best as they will fit in the water cooler and make spills less likely – taller bottles need to be refilled carefully. Students may drink water only in lessons, and also squash and juice-based drinks at lunchtime. We want to ensure students are hydrated and to minimise the use of single use plastic.

Term Dates 2022-23:

You can find these on our website, along with details of the events coming up before the end of term:

<https://aldermanwhite.school/parents-and-students/calendar>

Enrichment activities:

This week has seen a wide range of enrichment activities – in addition to our usual programme we have had Year 8 and 9 STEM Careers visits to employers, a Year 8 cricket tournament, a Year 10 university visit and tonight a group of our band members are off to see the Halle Orchestra at the Royal Concert Hall. Good luck to all the Alderman White students selected to represent Broxtowe in the Nottinghamshire athletics tomorrow – we are really proud of you all!

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Mellors', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Mrs A Mellors
Headteacher