



Dear Parents & Carers

Weekly update

We have 4 more days to go before the students start their half term holiday on Friday 11th February 2022. Students will be allowed to wear their own clothes on Thursday, for a £2 donation, as we raise money for the Cassandra Centre and student activities in Year 11 and 13.

The Student Executive Team met with me today and have asked that I make you aware that some students are not cleaning themselves properly when they use the school toilets and are not considerate of the needs of others to use the toilets. Constantly repairing the damage caused by students, who wouldn't dream of doing this in their own homes, takes up too much of the premises team time. Moving forward, damage caused by students will be calculated and unfortunately passed to the student who causes the damage for recompense, as I would rather spend this money on learning resources for our students. Please could I ask that you talk to your daughters about this over the weekend as I am sure they are aware of the situation.

Please could I remind parents that mobile phones should not be used on the school site and should be turned off at the first gate before entering school. They should be locked in a locker all day and removed at the end of the day and turned on at the same gate on their way out. Can I also ask parents not to call your daughters during the school day. If you need an urgent message relayed to them please go via the school office, their form tutor or the pastoral leader in their key stage. Sanctions for students being caught with their phone is 5 days confiscation and 1x 1hour detention, 2 hours if caught actually using the phone. This is not a new rule, all students have been aware of this since they started the school, and they have had reminders.

PE News

We had two netball matches this week. We played Riddlesdown (year 8) and Harris Crystal Palace (year 7). It was a close game against Riddlesdown however they unfortunately beat us by just one point. Our year 7s are still learning how to play as a team but they are showing great improvement.

Our Junior Sports Leader Award Participants in year 11 had their assessment this week and were successful, so well done to all of them for their hard work.

NSPCC Number Day

Miss Eyles from the Maths department arranged a range of activities for NSPCC Number Day, from Dragons' Den to refreshment sales which the students have enjoyed.

Covid Updates

Please note that the Amber restrictions must remain in place until we break up for half-term which is **Thursday 10th February 2022**. Students and staff will need to continue with the daily lateral flow testing before leaving for school. If they have run out they should ask their form tutor for another box.

As a parent, should your child contract covid, you need to advise NHS track and trace of your daughter's close contacts including any staff who have been less than 2m away from her for more than 20 minutes.

I am still waiting for dates from the NHS doctors for the parents Q&A session so please bear with us as we await a date for you to ask your questions.

Wellbeing

As a parent, if you would like to find out more information on how to support your daughter's mental and physical wellbeing you can speak to your daughter's Head of Year; you can refer to the health and wellbeing section on the school website or you can access support from the following organisations:

- [Off the Record](#)
- [Kooth](#)
- [YoungMinds](#)
- [Anna Freud National Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)

I hope that you have a good weekend and I look forward to seeing your daughters in school next week.

Best Wishes

Mrs Hayden