



Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

Weekly update

We have had a busy week this week with Ofsted and Aspiring Headteachers visiting our school.

I would like to thank everyone in the school community including all stakeholders, parents and governors for their cooperation, support, and words of encouragement. We are awaiting the decision from Ofsted and will update when we know more.

Global affairs

Thank you to everyone who has donated towards the appeals for Ukraine. Please can we also remember there are a number of appeals regarding other conflicts which are not in the news but do impact on families in our community, for example conflicts involving

- **Palestine/ Israeli conflict**
- **Somalia/Sudan/Eritrea**
- **Nigeria**
- **Syria**
- **Cameroon**

Also, Covid cases are rising in London again, we do not have all the facts as these cases are not receiving the same coverage as before. I encourage everyone if you have the capacity or time to please reach out to organisations trying to support affected communities.

Year 9 Wellbeing Conference

We held our Year 9 Wellbeing Conference at school on Tuesday 15th March and it was a huge success. Students had time to reflect on their newfound resilience considering the events of the past two years and they had the opportunity to think about their own self-image and how that can affect their wellbeing. The students really enjoyed the special guest Nathan Gurd who performed his songs and talked to the students about his experiences with cyberbullying and mental health issues. It was so nice seeing the students laughing and smiling again! The students also worked in teams to build a bridge in the team building competition before finishing with some meditation and taking away valuable tips for dealing with stress and worry as they enter their GCSE years. Next up we have our Year 10 Wellbeing Conference on 18th May.

Calendar events

- Year 7 parents evening on Wednesday 23rd March 2023
- 28th & 29 March Year 11 Hospitality Exam.
- International Dress Day is going to be on Thursday 31st March 2022, and I would really like this day to be a real celebration of our different cultures and a celebration of how diverse a school community we are. Please help and encourage your daughter to wear something that represents your culture or Nationality.
- We are going to have our whole school photo taken on Thursday 7th April 2023

Ramadan 2022

Ramadan is due to start approximately 2nd April 2022

Eid-ul-Fitr (the festival marking the end of Ramadan) is expected to start on the evening of 2nd May until the evening of 3rd May.

Parents may request leave of absence for their daughter(s) on the specific holy day of Eid-UL-Fitr by writing to me at their earliest convenience. Please note that it is only 1 day authorised absence. Please also note that exam dates cannot be changed so if an exam falls on the date your daughter would need to attend the exam and then they would be permitted to leave straight afterwards.

Students will not be exempt from PE and Music, but the teachers have been made aware to make adaptations to the lessons to accommodate students' observance of Ramadan.

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

Best Wishes

Mrs Hayden