



10th March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to Year 7 families who attended parents' evening last Thursday; an attendance of just above 75% was pleasing but we will always strive for more. Mrs Kendall will be contacting families in due course who were not able to attend to discuss the progress of your child. We appreciate sometimes there are genuine barriers that prevent attendance but it is important we work together to ensure we are all aware of next steps to enable our young people to maximise their potential. It was lovely to hear so many positive conversations and see our families face to face once again. Just a reminder of further consultation evenings before Easter:

Wednesday 16 th March	Year 9 options information evening (two sessions running 5.00-6.00pm or 6.00-7.00pm)
Wednesday 23 rd March	Year 9 parents' evening (3:00 – 6:00pm)
Monday 28 th and 29 th March	Year 9 1:1 family options meetings with the leadership team (appointment times can be booked at either information or parents' evening)
Thursday 31 st March	Year 8 parents' evening (3:00 – 6:00pm)

Students will be issued with booking sheets in order to make appointments over the next couple of weeks. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible.

Parent Pay Accounts

Sadly due to the excessive amount of debt on several student accounts, moving forwards unless a student is entitled to Free School Meals, we will be contacting parents to advise that if accounts are in deficit by more than £10 students will need to bring a packed lunch to school. This buffer enables students to eat a meal of the day for a week to ensure appropriate contact can be made. As a school, we cannot sustain arrears of nearly £1000. That said, obviously we always want to work with and support families. If you are struggling financially and think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact Mrs Drury in the main office who will be able to provide guidance on next steps.

Just a reminder to Year 11 parents that a £10 deposit for the prom is required with immediate effect. This should be done through Parent Pay. The deadline passed last Friday, but we will keep the window open for another couple of weeks to ensure all students who want to attend can. Thank you to the many families who have already paid the deposit.

Collaboration with the police

South Yorkshire Police were in school at the end of the day on Thursday as part of their 'Day in Action in Armthorpe'. As part of their pro-active drive in the community, the school visit was to make students aware of procedures to tackle knife crime. An arched metal detector (similar to those in an airport) was placed at the exit as our students left school – all students chose to walk through. This is an initiative taking place across the borough to act as a deterrent should young people consider bringing knives into school. Many of our students were intrigued. As we suspected, no-one triggered the alarm! We have already spoken to our students at length as part of our Values Programme about knife crime and will continue to do so. It was good for our students to see that the police are working pro-actively to keep the local community as safe as possible.

INSET Day

Just a reminder that there is an INSET Day on Friday 18th March. All students should return to school on Monday 21st March 2022.

Take care.

Kind regards

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