25th February 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to draw your attention to some key dates and changes to routine that will be taking place.

School will close early, **at 2.40 pm, on Wednesday 2nd March** to students in all years **except Year 11**. This is to allow for Year 11 mentoring sessions to take place. All Year 11 students have been assigned a mentor and they must stay to attend a meeting with their mentor on this day unless a prior arrangement has been agreed. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but hope you understand that these changes have been made to allow us to maximise your child’s progress in school.

School will close to students at **12.00 noon on Thursday 24th March** for the Easter Bank Holidays. This is to allow for staff training on the new National Curriculum and changing accountability measures for pupil progress.

School will close at the usual time of **3.00 pm on Friday 8th April** for the two week Easter break.

Around this time of year, many parents begin to think about purchasing new uniform for the next academic year, however, I need to draw to your attention to some changes that will be implemented in September. For the girls, a new black pleated school skirt is being introduced. For all students a new jumper is being introduced which bears the name of the House that your son/daughter has been assigned to. These changes will be compulsory for our new Year 7 students and for current students this will be phased in over the next 12 months and we would ask that as you replace these items of uniform, you purchase the new designs. Both the jumpers and skirts are available from Smart Clothing and Top One, but we are also introducing a new supplier, Price and Buckland, who will be operating an online ordering service with items delivered to home or school. Samples of uniform will be available in school for students to try on for sizing purposes and we will be hosting a pop up shop where orders can be placed nearer to the summer break. I will write to you with more information about this in due course.

Yours sincerely



Miss S Asquith

Principal