

29 September 2023

ACADEMY UPDATE 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

News this week:

It was fantastic to welcome so many families from our local community into our school for our open evening on Thursday. Our prospective new Year 7 cohort were treated to some amazing learning experiences in each of our departments. In Science, students were set the challenge of solving a murder mystery using forensic science, they walked through a WW1 trench in History, tasted Italian food in Food Technology, completed many sporting challenges in PE, and had immersive experiences in the performing arts, Art and Photography. Our student helpers on the night really did us proud with their enthusiasm for learning and exemplary behaviour. A special thank you to Herbie, Blake, Jess (student leaders), Imogen (Year 8), Keira and Lohan (Year 7) for speaking so articulately to a large audience.

Over 100 of our Year 9 students had a great Future Ready trip on Tuesday, to help them to be aspirational about their future career.

Upcoming events:

- Year 7 students are having presentations in PSHE about road safety.
- Drama scholar's event is taking place on Thursday 5 October.
- Duke of Edinburgh parent information evening is on Tuesday 10 October.
- Year 11 mock exams start on Thursday 12 October. Parents and carers of Year 11, please encourage your child to revise at home and use the materials we have provided to prepare for these exams.
- On Thursday 12 October there is the meet the tutor evening for Years 7-9. Parents/carers of Years 8 and 9, these meetings will be online and for Year 7, these meetings are face to face.

Things for next week:

- Please ensure that you are signed up to Class Charts to receive all notifications and announcements. If you have any issues with accessing class charts, please contact your child's tutor.
- 'Pass It On East Sussex School Uniform' is a free uniform swap project for the local community. The project is designed to enable school uniform to be reused and distributed. Search 'Pass It On East Sussex School Uniform' and join the Facebook page for more information.

With best wishes,



Mrs. E Gordon
Co-Principals



Dr. C Neal

Calendar Dates

2023-24 Academic Year Dates

Term 1

Tuesday 3rd October – Year 11 SEN Information evening
Thursday 5th October – Drama Scholars evening
Tuesday 10th October – Duke of Edinburgh Information evening
Thursday 12th October – KS3 (Year 7-9) Meet the tutor evening
Thursday 12th – Sunday 15th October – Year 11 GCSE PE trip
Thursday 12th – Friday 20th October – Y11 Mock examinations
Monday 16th October 2023 – Influenza vaccine
Wednesday 18th October – Year 9 Future Ready
Friday 20th October – Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

Monday 30th October – First Day of Term 2
Friday 10th November – Remembrance Day service
Thursday 16th November – Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 7th December – Year 9 Parents' Evening
Friday 15th December 2023 – Last Day of Term 2

Term 3

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 – First Day of Term 3 – **INSET DAY (student do not attend)**
30th January 2024 – Y8 HPV vaccinations
Friday 9th February 2024 – Last Day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 19th February 2024 – First Day of Term 4
Thursday 22nd February 2024 – Year 8-11 School Photos
Tuesday 12th March 2024 – Year 9 Tetanus injections
Thursday 28th March 2024 – Last Day of Term 4
Tuesday 19th March 2024 – Provisional Year 11 Year Group Photo
Wednesday 20th March 2024 – Provisional Year 11 Year Group Photo

Term 5

Monday 15th April 2024 – First Day of Term 5
Monday 6th May 2024 – Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May 2024 – Last Day of Term 5

Term 6

Monday 3rd June 2024 – First Day of Term 6
Friday 28th June 2024 – **INSET Day (Students do not attend)**
Tuesday 23rd July 2024 – Last Day of Term 6