

15 September 2023

ACADEMY UPDATE 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been really pleasing to see how the students have been tackling deep learning tasks in the new 100-minute lessons. The extended lesson time means that students are able to use the knowledge, skills and understanding that they have learnt in the lesson to produce work of far higher quality than was previously possible. The 100-minute lessons also allow us to have a real focus on literacy and reading, with students able to learn and apply more subject-specific keywords to their writing.

News this week:

Thank you to all of the parents and carers that attended our Year 10 Parents Information Evening on Thursday. We really hope that everyone that came out feeling well informed, and felt the aspiration and drive we have for all of our students to succeed.

Congratulations to our girls cricket team that competed in the Sussex county cricket finals. The girls ended as the second best state school team in the county. We are really proud of the girls and thank you to Mr Lovell for organising.

So many students have been amazing in lessons this week; taking a really proactive approach to their learning, asking questions and producing work to the best of their ability. Many of these students have been recognised with postcards as an acknowledgement of their hard work, that they are able to use to get a prize at the end of the lesson.

Upcoming events:

Next week marks the start of our inter-form sports competitions. These sports competitions take place in PE lessons and is a great opportunity for students to compete across a range of sports throughout the year.

INSET day on Friday 29 September – no students in school.

Year 11 mock exams start on Thursday 12 October (there's only 3 whole school weeks left). 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.

Things for next week:

A reminder that there should be no facial piercings at all, except for one small stud in each ear lobe. 'Sailor Jenny's' is located in Town Hall Square, Bexhill. They offer free retainers for facial piercings, if a child has to remove their piecing.

With best wishes,



Mrs. E Gordon
Co-Principals



Dr. C Neal

Calendar Dates

2023-24 Academic Year Dates

Term 1

Monday 18th September – Year 7 photos
Thursday 28th September – Open evening
Friday 29th September – **INSET day (Students do not attend)**
Tuesday 3rd October – Year 11 SEN Information evening
Thursday 5th October – Drama Scholars evening
Tuesday 10th September – Duke of Edinburgh Information evening
Thursday 12th October – KS3 (Year 7-9) Meet the tutor evening
Monday 16th October 2023 – Influenza vaccine
Friday 20th October – Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

Monday 30th October – First Day of Term 2
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
Tuesday 12th March 2024 – Year 9 Tetanus injections
Thursday 28th March 2024 – Last Day of Term 4

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