

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE



WORD OF THE WEEK – SACRIFICE

WORSHIP THEME OF THE WEEK – EID

CORE VALUE OF THE WEEK – RESPECT AND TOLERANCE OF DIFFERENT BELIEFS

BIBLICAL REFERENCE OF THE WEEK – HEBREWS 13V16 (NT)

It was lovely to hear about all the stories told and memories made at last week's residential. I want to say a huge thank you to Miss Burton for organising it all and alongside her, to all the staff who gave up their time to attend the residential. I can't quite believe that we are motoring towards the end of term, and I'm really excited about celebrating the successes of your children in the upcoming awards evenings. Below you will find out some more information about work due to start on our site ready for September and information regarding the upcoming NEU teacher strike days.

Geography fieldtrip to Castleton

Every student in Year7 this week has taken part in our fully funded Geography fieldwork visit to Castleton in Derbyshire. It is such a beautiful little village with a castle, caves and spectacular views and Mam Tor overlooking it. The children used the visit to test their fieldwork skills completing public interviews, traffic surveys and evaluating the impact of tourism on the village. There were so many comments from members of the public about how well mannered, smart, and well behaved the children were. We were very proud of them all, and I know you will be too.



Transition Evening

It was lovely to meet all our new Y7 children and their parents last night. They got the chance to meet staff, their form tutor, and other members of their form group. Parents enjoyed a full information sharing session with myself and had the chance to order uniform, sort MCAS issues out and meet two of our external partners, Kooth and COMPASS. Don't forget that our transition video is also live on our website.

Please do take up the offer to come and visit in the daytime, if you can, before the end of the year.

Trinity MAT Maths Challenge

Another benefit of being part of our trust is the events that are organised centrally. On Thursday, a group of talented Y7 mathematicians competed against other children from across the trust in a challenge day held at the Royal Armouries, Leeds. White Rose Maths, who are a company owned by the trust sponsored the event. Our group of students did superbly well and finished 3rd overall.



Parent Leadership Group

Our Parent Leadership Group have been working hard to set up a uniform swap shop to support any families that may need some assistance with uniform. Some of you may be deciding to throw away some uniform and buying new in the summer. If you are, please can you ensure it is clean and hand it in to school reception rather than throwing it away. That way we can start to build up the amount of uniform we have to swap out. We will pull it all together and communicate some future dates where families can come and pick up uniform for a reduced price. All proceeds will go to charity and buying more uniform for the shop.

Temporary classroom works – Portakabin

Our contractor for the installation of our temporary classrooms, Portakabin, officially started their programme of works today. You will notice around the car park barrier entrance they have their 'base' and their site manager will be based there. The next few weeks will see works completed on the foundations and services and as we head into July, some of the classrooms will be installed. The site is secure and away from children but please ensure that at drop off and pick up movement up the path towards the main entrance and back down to the car park is smooth. Staff, as always, will be out on duty helping to supervise. By the time we return in September there will be eight new classrooms, including a DT suite and the existing car park will become the new secure playground for the children. I will communicate further plans regarding the summer works and the process for students returning in September over the next few weeks.

NEU TEACHER STRIKE

As you may have seen the NEU teaching union has called two more strike days on the 5th and 7th July. Colleagues in school who are part of this union have indicated to me that they will be taking industrial action and due to the number doing so and assessing the health and safety of all on site, we are going to have to close school on both of those days. I have sent out a more detailed letter to you all explaining the decision and what children can do at home. School will be open as normal on every other day next week and our Awards Evening for Y7 Form Groups DCL and PMR will go ahead as normal.

Dates for your diary/upcoming events

Monday 3rd July

Wentworth House Music Trip

Tuesday 4th July

Y7 Awards Evening 5-6pm Form Groups BWN/LLR

Wednesday 5th July

Y7 Awards Evening 5-6pm Form Groups DCL/PMR

Wednesday 5th July

School closed for ALL STUDENTS

Thursday 6th July

Y7 Awards Evening 5-6pm Form Groups SCR/CDR

Friday 7th July

School closed for ALL STUDENTS