

Parental Bulletin

24th – 28th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

One of my aims for this year, as you will have read in my letter at the end of last year, is to improve the way in which our school communicates with parents / carers.

The first improvement I am introducing is a parental bulletin that should give you details of all of the events taking place each week and some important reminders about activities for students and / or parents.

We have ready for you the first draft version of this small bulletin, which can found below. I have no doubt we will improve the style and format on this and, as time progresses, the content will extend as well.

Furthermore, we will be introducing a parental calendar for you as well so that you will have a full calendar of events throughout the year that can be updated live so that any changes will be easily seen on your phone or computer.

I do hope that these little changes will make your relationship with us stronger and allow us to support your son / daughter even more.

Yours faithfully,

T Macdonald
Headteacher

Calendar for the week

Monday	
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tours and Talks (9-11.00)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Finish (12:40pm for students) • Tours and Talks (9-11.00) • Open Evening (5-8.30pm)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tours and Talks (9-11.00)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET day (school closed to Students) • School games competition (Gymnastics Team and Handball Team only)
Assembly Topic	Student Senate Presentation

Following Week (subject to update)

Monday	
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y8 Girls HPV vaccination (1st dose)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA Meeting
Thursday	
Friday	
Advance Notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAB (Governors) meeting 15th October • Careers Evening 17th October



- **GREASE** – reminder that rehearsals are taking place at lunchtimes
- **SCHOOL ORCHESTRA** - Anyone that plays an instrument are welcome to join the school orchestra. You need to be grade 3 and above ideally. It is on Thursdays 3.10-4pm in the Music room. Just turn up with your instrument. It is fun and a great opportunity to progress in Music and make new friends.
- **DRUM LESSONS** - Anyone interested in Drum lessons please see Mr Cotterill ASAP. There is one Drum lesson slot available. This is taught by Dudley Performing Arts within school.
- **OPEN EVENING** – Early closure on 26th September. School will finish at 12.40pm, lunch will be available for those who request/require it. Students who are not helping out must be off site by 1.30pm. Student helpers must have a permission slip.
- **INSET DAY** – The school is closed to students on Friday 28th September for staff training
- **UNIFORM** – a reminder to all students that deadline for getting uniform right is end of September. From that point onwards students with incorrect attire will be required to change into loaned, clean, uniform or shoes.
- **PARKING** – at the end of the day (and to a lesser extent, the start) parking and pick up can be extremely challenging on Water Street. Furthermore, some cars are waiting in front of resident driveway entrances and in areas marked for no parking or no stopping. This creates a challenge for the school in three ways: first, in regards to safety – the traffic jam created represents an increased risk to the 900 students leaving from this entrance at 3.10pm as parents mount curbs and make efforts to negotiate the busy road; our local community get increasingly frustrated as cars block their driveways; and all of our parents who must pick up students via car have significant delay in negotiating this street. I must ask, therefore, that parents do not park in restricted areas, on curbs or in front of driveways. Please do not be offended if a member of staff politely asks you to move should you find yourself in this situation. I would encourage parents to park/wait on neighbouring streets where possible to alleviate traffic and so reduce the risk to our students.