



Monthly Parent Update Sheet

January 2015/February 2015

Mobile Phones *IMPORTANT

In order to avoid any misunderstandings with parents we would like to clarify the rules regarding mobile phones. Mobile phones are strictly forbidden to be used on the school site without prior consent from a member of staff. This includes whilst pupils are still on the school site at any time **including before school and after 3.00pm**. All pupils have been told about this during assemblies last term. We have also updated the School Mobile Phone policy to reflect this. After collecting their phone from Pupil Reception pupils should not switch them on until they are completely off the school premises. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Data Collection/Student Update

We are still chasing pupil update forms for some pupils. If you haven't already done so please could you return your child's Data Collection/Student Update Sheet ASAP. We have sent out 2nd copies but some pupils have still not returned them. **The information contained on these sheets is very important.** Many thanks for your co-operation with this matter.

SEN News

KS3 Successmaker Reading and Spelling has been suspended until a new programme is loaded onto the school's computers. Your child will be notified as soon as we can restart these interventions. There will be an opportunity for Year 10 parents/carers to meet with the SENCO to discuss their child's SEN on Wednesday 11 February 2015. Pupils will be given an appointment letter to take home and should return the reply slip to the school office as soon as possible. All parents of pupils with SEN are still welcome to make an appointment to see the SENCO at any time or to ring with any concerns or queries.

Year 11 Prom Date Notification

The date of the Year 11 Prom has now been set for Friday 8 May 2015 at the Park Hall Hotel. A letter on how to purchase tickets will follow shortly.

Asthma Inhalers *IMPORTANT

If your child suffers with Asthma please can you ensure that you provide the school with a spare inhaler labelled with their name and form. We DO NOT have access to generic inhalers for emergencies.

Year 7 & 8 Perfect Punctuality

For every day that Year 7 and 8 Forms get 100% Punctuality they get a letter. The first form to spell the word 'Perfect Punctuality' will have a pizza lunch served to them in the conference room by staff. This competition starts Monday 12 January 2015.

Lost Property

We are currently experiencing a high amount of lost property in school. Please could we ask that wherever possible all belongings and uniform have your child's name on so that we can return any belongings that are handed in. We must also remind you that it is the pupil's responsibility to look after their belongings in school.

Year 10 Science Controlled Assessment - Wednesday 14 January 2015

Year 10 students will be completing their 2nd Controlled Assessment for Core Science on Wednesday 14 January 2015. They must ensure they achieve or exceed their target grade as it is worth 25% of their total grade.

Year 9 Halesowen College Taster Day - Wednesday 14 January 2015

On Wednesday 14 January 2015 all of Year 9 are visiting Halesowen College on a taster day to allow them to experience some of the college courses on offer and to have a taste of college life. You will have received a letter about this from Miss Powers before Christmas.

Cross Curricular Day - Wednesday 14 January 2015

Pupils will not be following the normal timetable on Wednesday 14 January 2015 as they will be experiencing a variety of activities:

- ✓ **Year 7** will be looking at problem solving activities through the theme of 'Conflict' to coincide with the anniversary of the outbreak of World War I;
- ✓ **Year 8** will be following a 'Carnivals' Themed Day - working through a variety of exciting events aimed at widening their knowledge and understanding of the wider world;
- ✓ **Year 9** will be at Halesowen College all day seeing what life is like at the college - post 16;
- ✓ **Year 10** will be completing a Science Controlled Assessment, whilst pupils from the Single Science groups will spend the day at Dudley Sixth following A-Level Science taster sessions;
- ✓ **Year 11** will be finalising their English Controlled Assessments.

Year 11 Mock Results Day - Wednesday 14 January 2015

On Wednesday 14 January 2015 at 2.30pm we will be holding a Year 11 Mock Results event. This event is designed to mimic the real GCSE results day. On 14 January 2015 your child will be handed an envelope showing their overall GCSE results (based on their mock exams and any coursework that they have completed). The Year 11 coffee bar will be open to allow pupils to chat about their results and they will also be provided with a guide on where their results can lead in terms of post 16 studies. If you have any queries about this event please contact Miss Powers.

Year 7 Parents' Consultation - Tuesday 20 January 2015

There will be a Year 7 Parents' Consultation Meeting on Tuesday 20 January 2015. Please encourage your child to make appointments with all their subject teachers so that we can update you on their progress.

Year 11 Photos - Tuesday 27 January 2015

Year 11 Photographs will be taken on Tuesday 27 January 2015. Please ensure all pupils are looking smart and are in correct uniform on this day.

FAME - Tuesday 10 February to Friday 13 February 2015

Tickets will be available from Monday 19 January 2015 at £5.00 each (including 0.50p booking fee) for our school production of FAME. The show runs from Tuesday 10 February to Friday 13 February 2015 at 7.30pm. Pupils have worked extremely hard and it promises to be a fantastic show. Tickets will be available from 1.00pm - 1.30pm & 3.00pm - 3.30pm from the Dormston Centre Reception. If parents wish to phone and make their payments via card they will need to do this between 5.30pm - 8.30pm when reception is open and the pupils can collect the tickets the next day.

Half Term - Monday 16 February 2015 to Friday 20 February 2015

School will be closed for Half Term from Monday 16 February 2015 to Friday 20 February 2015. Pupils should return to school on Monday 23 February 2015. They will be returning to a Week 2 timetable.

Year 11 Parents' Consultation Meeting - Tuesday 24 February 2015

There will be a Year 11 Parents' Consultation Meeting on Tuesday 24 February 2015. Please encourage your child to make appointments with all their subject teachers so that we can update you on their progress.