

Our Ref: MJM/EC

16 July 2010

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE START OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2010-2011

We would like to provide a brief reminder of the key considerations for students starting the new academic year in September.

School resumes for the Autumn Term on **Tuesday 7 September 2010**. Arrangements for the first day of term are as follows:

Date	Year Group	Arrangements
Tuesday 7 September	Year 7	Students will arrive in school for 8.45 am and will be met in the foyer and be escorted to the Main Hall.
	Years 8/9/10/11/12/13	Students should arrive in school for 9.45 am (Period 2) and go straight to their form rooms. In order for us to manage Year 7 students as effectively as possible, students in these year groups should not arrive before this time.

There will be no mid morning break for students on the first day back.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

From Tuesday 7 September students should revert to their normal school uniform – sweatshirt, shirt and school tie. Please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name and form group. This will drastically cut down the amount of lost and unclaimed property gathered by the school office.

Please note ... Students will be asked to remove inappropriate jewellery; covering up piercings with elastoplasts is not a solution. Please do not arrange piercings to coincide with term dates as students will be asked to remove inappropriate studs in line with policy. Students are also asked to avoid extremes of hair style. Any make up should be light (if worn at all).

Personal Items such as mobile phones and personal music equipment are not allowed in school for health and safety reasons. Any items of this nature brought on to the school site is done so entirely at the student's own risk. The school will not accept responsibility for the loss or damage of such items.

Events Coming Up in Autumn Term 2010

Date	Event
Tuesday 7 th September	School opens for new academic year
Monday 13 th September (6.00 pm)	Evening Class Enrolment
Tuesday 14 th September (6.00 – 8.00 pm)	Open Evening for Yr5/Yr 6 students
Wednesday 15 th to Friday 17 th September	Sixth Form Induction Trip to Whitaugh
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th September	Yr 11 Work Experience
Monday 20 th September 2010	Evening classes commence
Wednesday 6 th October	Parents' Forum
Thursday 21 st October (4.00-6.00 pm)	Target Setting Day Appointments (Students in school as normal during the day)
Friday 22 nd October (9.00-1.00pm) (School closed for teaching purposes)	Target Setting Day – students only attend school for their 15 minute appointment with Learning Managers
Friday 22 nd October	School breaks up for Autumn half term holidays
Monday 1 st November 2010	School re-opens after half-term holiday
Tuesday 16 th November 2010	Key Stage 4 Presentation Evening
Tuesday 23 rd November 2010	Sixth Form Information Evening
Friday 26th & Monday 29th November 2010	Holiday – School closed
Monday 29 th November 2010	Business Department Trip to Paris
Thursday 2 nd & Friday 3 rd December 2010	Sixth Form English Study Trip to Edinburgh
Tuesday 7 th December 2010	Year 13 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 14 th & Wednesday 15 th December 2010	Carol Concert
Thursday 16 th December 2010	Key Stage 5 Presentation Evening
Friday 17 th December 2010	Non-uniform Day/ Sixth Form Concert School closes for Christmas break
Tuesday 4 January 2011	School re-opens

If you need to contact the school urgently during the holiday period, please do so by leaving a message on our answer machine and a member of staff will return your call.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to wish you an enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely

M J Murray (Mr)
Principal