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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

## Headteacher Update Letter Term 6 – Week 6

The academic year is starting to draw to a close as we reflect on a busy yet successful school year. Students and staff should be so proud of their achievements across so many different elements of school life. Over the last few weeks they have numerous opportunities to finish the year strongly and set themselves up well for the start of the new academic year in September.

There are some key events and activities happening before the end of the year that enable students to secure strong personal development and enjoy the wider aspects for school life. On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024, we held our annual sports day event at the EIS Arena in Sheffield for Key Stage 3 students. This is a superb occasion that showcases the many sporting talents that are at the school in a state of the art facility. Following this, we have the annual sponsored walk on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024, where the whole school takes to the local area to raise money for charity. The day after this, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024, we will be holding our final day summer extravaganza of quizzes, activities, stalls and events. An excellent way to end the year. Please note that school will close at 12.30pm on the final day, with lunches being available for free school meal students on request. We are also looking forward to Proms, Sports Award Evening and the Summer Shows, and we cannot wait to welcome our new Year 7 and 12 cohorts on Transition Week.

Looking back over the past few weeks there are plenty of wonderful moments and achievements to celebrate and recognise. All three Key Stage 3 boys' football teams reached the County Cup finals, which has never happened before at the school. We managed to secure two champions and one runner-up which is remarkable. In addition, we are girls' rounders champions for the County and mixed team winners of the North-East Derbyshire competition. Students' art and photography were also well received on display in our annual exhibition which showcases some stunning pieces of work. Also, students in different year groups have participated in the joy of trips, including field trips to the coast and Porter Brook, as well as a residential to Barcelona. So proud of the students and staff and how they work together to grow, develop and become somebody special.

We look forward to next year and the further positivity and success it will bring. In the meantime, on behalf of the staff at the school, I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Given below are a number of messages for your attention.

Yours sincerely

Mr M J Cooper  
Headteacher



### **Last Day Plans**

A reminder that school will finish at 12.30pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024. The last day will be the Summer Extravaganza, with stalls being set up in Mentor Time, followed by the Mentor Big Quiz during Period 1. Period 2 and 3 will be the running of our Summer Extravaganza event with students finding out the winners of the quiz just before 12.30pm and dismissal from school. Free School Meals students can order and collect food from the kitchen.

### **Start Back Date**

**The school starts back for all students on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024.** Students should be on site for 8.50am and moving to Mentor Rooms for a prompt 9.00am start.

**The exception to this is new Year 12 from September. Year 12 should arrive after 1.45pm** via the Green Lane pedestrian entrance next to the crossing, where they will be met by staff and directed to a hall for an assembly starting at 2.00pm. The afternoon is an induction and enrolment session. Students will be on site for most of the afternoon and will be dismissed after they have completed induction and enrolment. Minibuses will run at the end of the day for those affected. Formal lessons will start from Period 1 on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

### **Two-Week Timetable – 2024-2025**

Following a curriculum infrastructure review, the school will be using a two-week timetable from next academic year. This has enabled us to implement some positive curriculum changes that will benefit the students. We will be running the two-weeks as Week A and Week B. The students will be supported through the change, with additional support for targeted students as required.

### **Equalities Policy**

The school has an equalities policy in which is published on the website. This is reviewed regularly and is available via <https://dhfs.uk/school-policies/>.

### **Behaviour Policy**

The school has a behaviour policy in place which is instrumental in establishing expectations and standards in the school, this is available via <https://dhfs.uk/school-policies/>.

### **School Uniform Expectations**

The guide for parents, carers, students and staff has been updated following a review and Governor meeting. This is available on the school website. There are some changes to the policy worth noting. For example, tailored shorts have been introduced and in respect of makeup, students will be challenged if it is noticeable.

### **Lost Property**

There are a number of items that are regularly left around school site by students. Lost property is kept at reception, with PE kit being stored outside the PE office in the Sports Hall. Please make sure individual items are labelled up and students check these locations to be reunited with missing items. Further information available at <https://dhfs.uk/lost-property/>

### **Summer Safety**

Work has been undertaken in school on the importance of safety in the community over the summer. There has been a particular focus on rail and water safety, as well as being careful around derelict buildings. Please talk to your child about these important issues.

### **Equipment Lists**

Please check the website for the equipment list to ensure that your child is prepared for the start of the new academic year and that they are ready to learn. Having the right equipment makes a huge difference in lessons running uninterrupted. Please note that Tippex and correction pens/items are not allowed on school site.

## **Y6 Induction**

During Transition Week, we understand how parents and carers may wish to meet their children near to the school site as they start Year 7. This is a valuable and recognised support mechanism. However, could we remind parents and carers that access to the school site itself, including the driveway, is not permitted except where medical or SEND support is agreed with the school. Please contact your child's House Support Manager to arrange for a car park notice so that you are not approached by staff on site.

Whilst collecting your children in the community surrounding school, please be mindful of our neighbours.

In addition, could we remind parents and carers that the school has four access/exit gateways. These are Green Cross, Chesterfield Road, Princess Road, and the Puffin Crossing at the top of Green Lane.

Access and exit via Reception is restricted to a small number of students with medical or SEND needs.

## **Students' Personal Development**

In Mentor Time, students have been learning about online safety, including 'doxing' and the computer misuse act. We've had a range of guest speakers in school in the Easter term, including the Public Health nurses who were talking to Y11s about the importance of sleep; 'Ask Apprenticeships' who have worked with Y10-12 looking at their options beyond school at 16+ and 'Six Pillars' who offer arts based well-being sessions to students on a Tuesday after school for free. If this is something your child might be interested in, please find out more here <https://junctionarts.org/six-pillars-making-an-impact/> or email [nhelliwell@dhfs.uk](mailto:nhelliwell@dhfs.uk) to sign up!

All students have also had special assemblies for Comic Relief, British Science Week, Careers Week and World Book Day, where they also had chance to dress up as their favourite book characters and complete quizzes and other events on the day. For Comic Relief, 'Sponge the House Team' was a huge success and together with the non-uniform day we raised £857. Many thanks to families for their support!

## **The Lowdown**

The Lowdown are working with the NHS to understand awareness and understanding of the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccine, and they've asked us to share this optional survey with the school community. This survey is open to anyone who lives in England. They would especially like to hear from parents and young women. <https://form.typeform.com/to/buVHjybl>.

## **DCC b\_line Travel Discount Cards**

The b\_line card is Derbyshire County Councils cut-price travel discount and library card for young people aged 11 up to 19, allowing young people to travel on buses in Derbyshire for just £1.50. For more information visit [Under 19's Travel - Travel Derbyshire](#).

## **A Message from Dronfield Town Twinning Federation**

'We are taking a party of citizens from Dronfield on an official visit to Sindelfingen from 19th to 23rd September 2024. The itinerary includes a tour around Sindelfingen; meeting our friends from our Twin Town Trip to Rottweil Tower and the town; a visit to Stuttgart's Mercedes Museum; a visit to Stuttgart's famous Zoo and Botanical Gardens; a visit to the Ritter chocolate factory; and an experience of their warm hospitality. Interested? —for more details contact:- David Goater on 07739 013531, Howard Smith on 07564 033780, or email [Dronfield.town.twinning@gmail.com](mailto:Dronfield.town.twinning@gmail.com). Celebrate over 50 years of Friendship with our amazing twin town'.

## **Esther Allen Fundraising**

As you may be aware, one of our parents is currently fundraising for specialist cancer treatment. The family appreciate any support that can be given. Details can be found on Esther's GoFundMe page.

## **DCC Holiday Activities**

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known throughout Derbyshire as 'It's About Me' is funded by the Department for Education and gives eligible young people access to FREE places at holiday clubs across the county. If your child is aged between 4-16 and is eligible for benefits-related free school

meals, then they are entitled to access It's About Me holiday clubs for free. There are a huge range of activities available including sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. All clubs include a nutritious meal too. Programmes vary depending on the type and location of each club.

If your child is not eligible for the It's About Me programme, many clubs also offer paid places where you can book with them directly. To book your It's About Me holiday club you will need your unique IAM code which will be distributed via your child's school. If you have not received your code, but believe your child is eligible for the programme, please contact your school office. To book your activities and to find out more information go to [www.itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk](http://www.itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk) or speak to your school office. To receive programme information and updates directly to your inbox, Sign-Up for It's About Me updates. The Summer 2024 holiday clubs will take place from Wednesday 24th July-Tuesday 3rd September. Excluding bank holidays and weekends. Bookings open on Monday 1st July.

### **Summer Holiday Safeguarding Information**

As we move into the summer holidays, it is as important as ever for us all to be focused on keeping our children safe. Therefore, please remember that the Safeguarding sections of our website have useful advice and guidance on keeping children safe, including online safety. If, during the summer, you have any concerns for the welfare of a child then please use the information below to raise your concerns.

For non-emergency concerns and general advice, call Derbyshire Starting Point on 01629 533190 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday, and between 9.30am and 4pm on Saturdays. Outside these times contact the out of hours service [01629 532600](tel:01629532600). A school line is also monitored intermittently out of school hours and can be reached on 07885 817860. If a child is at risk of immediate harm, then please contact the Police on 999.