



13th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to update you on our current building works at Wexham.

Our new Woodside Building is open and learning has already started in our fantastic new classrooms. All English and Humanities lessons are currently being taught in Woodside. We are in the process of setting up our new library and by the end of this term Modern Foreign Languages will also move in. We have also taken possession of our two new science laboratories.

There is still though considerable works to be undertaken on site. At the weekend the Fowler Building was blocked off and as I type has already pretty much been demolished. This will need to be cleared and laid back to grass over the coming weeks. By January all work should be finished on site. This will also mean our Church Road entrance and car park will be back in operation relieving some of the congestion at the start and end of the school day on Norway Drive.

Over the last 18 months the students have been incredibly well behaved and patient whilst so much building work has been taking place. I would also like to thank all of you for your patience as well. As the works reach their conclusion Wexham now has many modern classrooms with excellent facilities complementing our current superb Sport, Creative Arts, Science and Technology learning areas. Alongside our recent refurbishment of the canteen, hall and main reception this really does move Wexham into the 21st Century in terms of our accommodation and our overall learning environment. The official opening of The Woodside Building will take place in January.

Mufti Day

The school will be holding a mufti day on Friday 16th November in aid of Children in Need. Students wishing to take part and wear non uniform to school must bring £1. There is of course no charge for students attending in full school uniform.

Start of the School Day

The School day starts at 8.40am. Students should be onsite before this time. It is pleasing to see the numbers of students that are late in the morning has reduced from this time last year. Being punctual means the day starts positive. Students and parents will have noticed two new large cycle storage areas have recently been installed due to increased numbers of students cycling to school, which is very pleasing. Two years ago Slough Borough Council conducted a Travel Survey on our School and the numbers of our students being brought to school by car is extremely high given the short distance the vast majority of our students reside from School. The most common reason given for lateness is traffic problems. I urge you, wherever possible, to encourage and/or let your child walk or cycle to school. This will help them be healthier, improve our environment and reduce traffic problems in the local area. I also wish to remind you that cars should not be brought onto the school site, the only exception is for dedicated taxis for our Autistic Base students. This is for the safety of all my students and staff.



Upcoming Important Dates and End of Term Notification

Thursday 13 th December 2018	Year 11 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
Tuesday 18 th December 2018	Year 12/13 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
Wednesday 19 th December 2018	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day.
Thursday 20 th December to Wednesday 2 nd January 2019	Christmas Holiday
Monday 7 th January 2019	First Day of Term. All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.

Emergency Closure

A reminder of our emergency closure procedure:

- The decision to close the school outside of core hours will be taken by 7.30am after an assessment of poor weather conditions or on the advice of Slough Borough Council or the emergency services. We will always aim to contact parents by text message as early as possible; normally this would be by 7.45am, before students leave for school. Messages will also be displayed on the school website.
- Should the school be forced to close during the day, or your child has arrived on school premises in the morning, you will be contacted before we send students home.
- Further text messages and our website will update parents of our situation. For this reason it is always vital that the school has up to date contact details.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Lawrence Smith
Headteacher