

7<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

The school has had a very successful term. Thank you for all the continuing support you provide for your children in their learning and helping us to ensure they enjoy and achieve.

It has been a very busy term now that everything is up and running properly at last. As school events often happen annually some events this term have been the first since 2019! For me the real highlight is the sheer number of parents that have attended the school. Our busiest Open Evening the School has ever had was impressive but also all you that attended Progress Day way back in September. It was a real pleasure to host so many of you for our Annual Awards Evening. I would also like to say a special thank you to parents of Year 11 that have visited for our Post 16 events and Year 11 information evening, a reminder that it is Year 11 Parents' Evening next Tuesday.

### **Last Day of Term / Start of New Term**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of the Autumn Term. The School will operate its customary compact day and will close at 1pm. The School will reopen to all students on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at the normal times.

### **Free School Meals**

The government has provided additional funding to local authorities to support students on Free School Meals over the holidays. Each child in receipt of Free School Meals will be entitled to a payment of £30 to cover the holiday period. This will follow the same format as the summer vouchers. I am also in discussion with our catering providers to increase the range of choice for students on Free School Meals at lunchtimes in January.

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

Mr Verma, one of our parent governors' term of office is due to expire soon. As Mr Verma is also the Chair of Governors the Governing Body recently voted for him to change his position to that of a co-opted governor. This means in the new year we will have a vacancy for a new parent governor. Should you be interested in becoming a governor of the school I have also posted a letter and a brief guide to being a parent governor on our website as well. We would require any nominations by 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### **Scarlet Fever / Strep A**

Many parents will have read in the media about recent cases of scarlet fever. Uploaded to our website is a letter from Slough Borough Council and an advice sheet from The UK Health Security Agency.

### **Mobile Phones**

Mobile Phones can be brought to school in order to support student's safety on the way to and from school. However, they MUST NEVER disrupt a lesson and should never be seen in lessons. Mobile phones can be used sensibly at break and lunchtimes, BUT NOT between lessons. HEADPHONES cannot be used in school and therefore should not be seen. This is for Health and Safety reasons. Mobile phones and headphones will be confiscated if the above is not followed and a parent/carers will need to collect them from reception, no exception.

### **School Uniform**

Our students continue to have very smart uniform, thank you. If parents are facing genuine difficulties, please do contact your child's Leader of Year and we may be able to offer support. I would also be interested in old/outgrown useable blazers, jumpers and sports kits to be donated back to the school so we can reuse them where we can.

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### **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 student's 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.

### **Additional Bank Holiday**

Please note the School will be closed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 for the additional Bank Holiday that has been announced due to the King's Coronation.

### **Wexham School Twitter Feed**

To follow us on Twitter please go to @Wexham\_School

Alongside our website this really does give you an amazing insight into daily life at Wexham.

Thank you for your continuing support. I wish everyone a restful and happy holiday period and I look forward to welcoming all our students back in the New Year.

Yours faithfully



Mr Lawrence Smith  
Headteacher

## Term and Important Dates 2022 – 2023

Autum	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Year 11 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.
	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023	Christmas Holiday
Spring Term	Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	First Day of Term. All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Year 12/13 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023	Year 8 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 10 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	Year 9 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.
	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Easter Holiday
Summer Term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Year 7 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	School Closed for Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	Last Day of Term for students. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.