

19th July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As we near the conclusion of this academic year I really do want to thank you for all your incredible support. It has been another interesting year with all the pressures that are being placed on the country at the current time. For us it has been successful as we continue to grow and are now the second largest school in Slough. We will all work hard to continue to improve and do our very best for the children we serve.

End of Term / Start of Term / Results Days / Year 12 Enrolment

The last day of term is Thursday 25th July. The school will operate a compact day finishing at 1.00pm.

- The school will reopen to the new Year 7 **only** on Thursday 5th September.
- The school will reopen to students in Years 10 and 11 on Friday 6th September.
- The school will reopen to students in Years 8 and 9 on Monday 9th September.
- The school will reopen to Years 12 and 13 on Tuesday 10th September.
- Students should attend at 8.35am for 8.40.

Year 13 Results Day will be on Thursday 15th August and Year 11 Results Day will be on Thursday 22nd August, students can come and collect their results between 9.30 – 11.30am. Please note we can only hand results to the student, if they are away and want to nominate someone to collect their results, we must know this before the day. Any results not collected will be posted from 11.30am. Good luck to all our Year 11 and 13 students. Students wishing to enrol into Year 12 should already have completed their application and dependent on results this will be automatic for September.

School Uniform Supplier for September

School Days Direct Ltd
20A Buckingham Avenue
Slough, SL1 4QA
Telephone 01628 665353
Website – [www.schooldaysdirect.co.uk](http://www schooldaysdirect.co.uk)

Changes to the School Day

As you will be aware I recently wrote to you consulting about changing the school day slightly. Thank you to parents that contacted the school, all those that did were in favour of the proposal and therefore the change will be implemented from September 2024.

The reasons for this change are as follows:

- Traditionally we have a very long lunch period for a range of extra-curricular activities to be delivered. However, due to the growth of the school we are now having to split the lunchtime period. This has resulted in virtually all extra-curricular activities being delivered at the end of the school day. Finishing earlier means these activities would also finish earlier, which would be beneficial in the dark winter months and more will be available.
- Our long lunch period is considerably out of sync with many other secondary schools, especially locally. Shortening it will aid concentration in afternoon lessons.
- We also want to extend our mid-morning break due to the school now exceeding 1200 students.
- Finishing slightly earlier will also help the large numbers of students from the Langley area catch the direct bus that currently departs very close to the end of our school day from outside the school.

The new school day

8.35 – 8.40		Student on site ready for registration	
8.40 – 9.00		Registration / Assembly	
9.00 – 9.50		Lesson 1	
9.50 – 10.40		Lesson 2	
10.40 – 11.00		Break	
11.00 – 11.50		Lesson 3	
Year 7 and 8		Years 9 – 13	
Lesson 4 (split)	11.50 – 13.20	Lesson 4	11.50 – 12.40
Lunch	12.15 – 12.55	Lunch	12.40 – 13.20
Lesson 5		13.20 – 14.10	
Lesson 6		14.10 – 15.00	
Extra-curricular activities, interventions			

Pastoral Leadership Team from September 2024

Key Stage Three

Leader of Key Stage Three, Mr George
 Leader of Year 7, Mrs Beatty
 Leader of Year 8, Mrs Bahra

Acting Leader of Year 9, Ms Yousaf
 Pastoral Support Leader, Ms Lane
 Overseen by Mr Clark, Assistant Headteacher

Key Stage Four

Leader of Key Stage Four, Ms Edwards
 Leader of Year 10, Ms Tidey
 Leader of Year 11, Ms Facer

Pastoral Support Leader, Mrs Ahmad
 Overseen by Mr Morgan, Assistant Headteacher

Key Stage Five

Leader of Key Stage Five, Mrs Reeves-Williams
 Assistant Leader of Years 12/13, Mrs Pall

Leader of Years 12/13 Ms Song
 Overseen by Mrs Wellspring, Assistant Headteacher

A reminder when contacting the school tutors should be requested first and then the above staff depending in what year group your child is in.

Staff Leavers

We will be saying goodbye to several members of staff at the end of this term.

Mrs Gillet will be leaving us at the end of the term after a very brief spell with us. Mr Janjua, who has been with us for a year will also be departing to a school closer to his home. Mr Wickes will be moving onto a promoted position after spending just over a year with us. After just over two years with us Ms Jahangiri is leaving to teach aboard. Ms Ananthalingam after 2 ½ years at the school is leaving to teach closer to home. Mrs Ripoche after four years with us is moving on to become a Leader of MFL. Mr Ambrose is also leaving us after nearly four years and Mrs Webber who joined the school in September 2019 is also departing to teach closer to home after relocating. I wish everyone success in their new ventures and thank them for the impact they have had on the school during their time with us.

Also, I am very sad to say that after spending 29 years teaching at Wexham, Ms Corrie, Deputy Headteacher has decided to retire this year from the profession. Ms Corrie started as a Teacher of English, then led the English Team for many years and has spent just over ten years as part of the senior team, firstly as an Assistant Headteacher and latterly as Deputy Headteacher. Ms Corrie has there taught several generations of Wexham students, many that are now parents with children in the school now! She has had a huge and successful impact on the school and I thank her for all her hard work over the years and we all wish her a long and happy retirement.

New Staff

Naturally with staff leaving I have also appointed replacements. Please note though that some of these positions are completely new to the school due to our continued expansion.

- Mrs Musa, Leader of RE joined us in April.
- Mr Hilary, Ms McCulloch and Mr Singh (Teachers of PE) joined us in July. Ms Bagga (Teacher of Social Science), Mr Kayani (Teacher of Technology), Mr Yovev (Teacher of Music), Mrs Sathiarag (Teacher of English) have also already joined us in July.
- Ms Soldane (Teacher of MFL) and Ms Darka (Teacher of Maths), Mrs Sutton (Assistant Leader of MFL), Ms Metcalfe (Leader of Inclusion and SENDCo) and Mr Rich (Deputy Headteacher) will all be joining us in September,

School Enlargement

In the last three years the school has grown by 350 students. Our school growth has now been completed in Years 7-11. Now this growth should see our Sixth grow as well. Please do remember that this makes the end of the school day very busy on Norway Drive. Please wherever possible ensure you child walks or Cycles to school as this will help with congestion.

Finally

I wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday period and I look forward to seeing all students on our return in September.

Yours faithfully



Mr Lawrence Smith
Headteacher

Term and Important Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Thursday 5 th September 2024	First Day of Term for Students in Year 7 only 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Friday 6 th September 2024	Year 7 - 8.35 for 8.40am start Year 10 and 11 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Monday 9 th September 2024	Year 8 and 9 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Tuesday 10 th September 2024	Year 12 and 13 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Thursday 24 th October 2024	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Friday 25 th October 2024	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November 2024	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 4 th November 2024	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
Friday 20 th December 2024	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm	
Monday 23 rd December 2024 to Friday 3 rd January 2025	Christmas Holiday	
Spring Term	Monday 6 th January 2025	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	First Day of Term. All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Friday 14 th February 2025	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st February 2025	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 24 th February 2025	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Friday 4 th April 2025	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm
Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April 2025	Easter Holiday	
Summer Term	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Wednesday April 2025	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Monday 5 th May 2025	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May 2025	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 2 nd June 2025	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Wednesday 23 rd July 2025	Last Day of Term for students School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm