

Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a very busy and successful final half term of Year 9 and are all looking forward to the Summer break.

Rehearsals for 'Oliver' are well underway and there have been numerous trips and extracurricular activities taking place. Our awards evening and rewards trip were particularly enjoyable, and it was great to see so many being presented with deserved certificates and Silver Ties.



I am looking forward to our final assembly together on 17th July where I will present more awards for attendance, Art, DT, Science, Maths, class chart certificates, Student Achievement Awards and many more. It will be tinged with sadness for me as I will be formally saying goodbye to the year group but as I have already said, they are in a fantastic position to start KS4 and GCSEs and I will be watching their continued progress from a distance.

The new PAL is Rhian Player and she visited us on 8th July to meet with key staff and prepare for September. I have obviously passed on relevant information about individuals and the year group as a whole.

I would like to thank the Mr Wood and the tutor team for their constant support and guidance for the pupils in their forms over the past 3 years. Many will continue the journey, but we sadly say goodbye to Miss Camden and Miss Batt-Rowe who remain at Ousedale but have different roles. 9RC will have Mrs Bell and 9GIH will have Mr Purdy from September. I know they have already spoken to the current tutors and are looking forward to next year.

A few reminders following Mr Burton's previous email please: -

Last day of this term:

- We break up for the summer holidays at 12.30pm on Friday 19th July 2024
- The last day of term is a non-uniform day, £1 for good school causes identified by the PTA
- School transport will run as normal albeit at 12.30pm
- Pupils eligible for Free School Meals will be available to purchase food as normal during morning break (11.10am to 11.30am)

First day of term September 2024:

- School starts at 08.40am on Thursday 5th September 2024

Uniform for September 2024:

- A reminder that trainers are not allowed, plain black shoes must be worn (Nike, Adidas, Puma etc do not make school shoes)
- A reminder that any unnatural hair colours, false nails, false eyelashes and facial piercings from the summer holiday need to be removed
- Good quality pre-worn uniform at much discounted rates is available at the Willen Hospice shop in NP.

Basic equipment for September 2024:

- Please ensure pupils come to school with the following:-
 - Pen – black or blue
 - Pen - purple
 - Pencil
 - Pencil sharpener
 - Ruler
 - Rubber/eraser
 - Protractor
 - Set square
 - Compass
 - Calculator

Many thanks again for your time, support and efforts over the past 3 years. I have enjoyed working with you and all the pupils in the year group. I wish them all the very best in their journey through KS4.

Kindest regards

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