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Dear Parents,

It was great to welcome all students back on Friday 7th January. It is going to be another busy term in school and we look forward to working with students and their families.

Spring Term Curriculum

In our parent survey some parents informed us that they did not know what their children were learning in school. All of our curriculum maps are published on our school website so parents can keep up to date. You can access the curriculum maps by clicking on the curriculum tab on the home page. Subjects are presented in alphabetical order - Subjects A-M and Subjects N-Z. Each subject is broken down into year groups so parents can easily navigate through to see what their children are learning.

Extra Curricular Activities

Extra-curricular activities are an important part of the extended curriculum in school. We would like to encourage as many students as possible to join the clubs that are running. For all the latest clubs and activities please click on the link below:

[Extra-Curricular Activities](#)

Home Learning

Mr Statham (Assistant Headteacher) recently wrote to all parents with an update on the changes being made to home learning. We have updated our knowledge organisers, now known as 'need to know booklets', to reflect the feedback from parents, and have put in place new expectations around the completion of home learning. Please refer to Mr Statham's letter for more information.

Mobile Phones

Mr Horrocks (Assistant Headteacher) wrote home last week outlining our expectations around mobile phones. Students have engaged really well with this and it has been refreshing to see students having conversations with each other at break and lunch times rather than just staring at their phone screens. Please refer to Mr Horrocks letter for more information.

Attendance

Covid-19 is having a significant impact on student and staff attendance in school. If your child is unwell please do not send them into school. If your child has any symptoms of Covid-19 or tests positive for Covid-19 then you should follow the latest government guidance around testing and isolation: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

The latest government guidance around school attendance can be found by clicking on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance>.

School uniform update

Students have returned after the Christmas holiday looking really smart. The winter months are traditionally colder and the need to ventilate classrooms as part of Covid mitigations may mean classrooms are cooler than normal. We will be encouraging students to keep warm by wearing a plain white t-shirt under their school shirt and wearing a plain black v-neck jumper under their blazers. In addition to wearing extra layers, students should also remember to bring a coat to school. We have made it clear to students that this is not an invitation for them to wear what they want. Can I remind parents that students should no longer come to school in their PE kit. Students will be participating in outdoor activities and so they are likely to get wet and muddy in their kits during the winter months. Students need to change into clean and dry clothes after they have participated in PE lessons.

Staff changes

This term we welcome the following members of staff to the school:

- Mr Robert Cowdry, Maths Learning Mentor
- Mrs Emma Tapp - Canteen Assistant
- Miss Holly Connors, Canteen Assistant
- Miss Milayna April Arthurs - Teacher of English
- Mrs Elizabeth Statham - Maths 16-19 Tutor
- Mrs Zoe Louise Mudd - Learning Mentor until July 2022
- Mrs Alison Bryant - Learning Mentor until July 2022
- Mr Louis Cole - Learning Mentor until February Half term
- Mrs Rachael Smith - Teacher of English until Easter 2022

Please also note the following post changes:

- Miss Annie Hawkins - Head of Year 8 (permanent)
- Miss Rebecca Davis - Acting Head of English (temporary until Easter 2022)

This term we also say goodbye to Miss Wright, one of our English teachers. We wish her every success in her future career.

Safeguarding

Young people are spending more and more time online and it is important that we know how to keep our children safe. The Children's Commission has recently published a guide for parents to help them protect their children from online sexual harrasment. To access the Children's Commissioner Guide please click [here](#)

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 26th January	Yr 7 Parents' Evening (Virtual)
Monday 31st January - Friday 11th February	Yr 11/12/13 Mock Exams
Thursday 3rd February	Friends of STCM Launch
Thursday 10th February	Year 9 Options Evening (Virtual)
Thursday 17th february	Sixth Form Parents' Evening (Virtual)
Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February	Half Term
Wednesday 2nd March	Ash Wednesday Services
Friday 4th March	Year 11 and 13 Mock Results
Friday 1st April	Year 7-9 Progress Check Results
Wednesday 6th April	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Friday 8th April	Year 10-13 Progress Check Results
Friday 8th April	Easter Services
Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April	Easter Holidays

Yours sincerely,



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