

25th October 2019



NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of this, the first and longest half term of the new academic year, I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect upon some of our fantastic achievements and remind you of some of the key information you need to be aware of.

Firstly, can I thank you for your continued support for the school. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting our new Year 7 students, and it was lovely to meet many of the parents at the Year 7 Settling In evening. We will continue to hold regular parental meetings over the course of the academic year and, as well as bespoke Parent Evenings for every year group, and hope that as many of you as possible will attend.

Our Year 11 students have also started the year with purpose and drive. I am confident that if they continue to work as hard as possible and develop their resilience to never give up, even when they find it hard, then they will be capable of securing fantastic results in their exams this summer.

I hope that everybody has a very restful half-term break and comes back refreshed and ready for a really successful new half term.

PARENT FORUM MEETINGS

Our Parent Forum Meetings will take place at school on the following dates, each will commence at 6.00 pm.

4th December 2019
11th March 2020
17th June 2020

PARENT'S EVENINGS

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| Thursday 16 th January 2020 | Year 10 Parents Evening |
| Wednesday 5 th February 2020 | Year 9 Options Evening |
| Wednesday 26 th February 2020 | Year 11 Parents Evening |
| Wednesday 18 th March 2020 | Year 7 Parents Evening |
| Wednesday 25 th March 2020 | Year 11 Parent & Students Exam Prep Evening |
| Wednesday 1 st April 2020 | Year 8 Parents Evening |
| Wednesday 29 th April 2020 | Year 9 Parents Evening |

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PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

As you aware from our previous communications, attendance above 96% is crucial in helping your child to reach their potential. You will be aware that improving attendance is a priority for us at One In A Million and your support is vital in helping us to achieve this goal.

Research has shown that pupils with attendance below 96% are at risk of dropping, on average, 1 full GCSE grade per subject.

We ask for your support in not removing students from school during term time so that they are not hindered in the progress that they can make as a result of missing vital work.

It is our responsibility to exhaust all possible means to improve attendance and as such, please be aware that in line with DfE (Department for Education) guidance, agreement with other local schools and in conjunction with the Local Authority we will issue penalty notices for holidays taken during term time.

Please see the 'Term Dates' section of the website <http://oiam.org/freeschool/parent-information/key-dates/> so that you can plan your holidays accordingly for the next academic year.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

We are getting large numbers of students having to leave school during the day to attend appointments. It is extremely important that any appointments are scheduled for outside of school hours or either at the start or end of the school day. It is very disruptive when students have to leave school mid lesson and any lesson time lost can have a significantly detrimental effect on their learning. Please remember that if appointments are scheduled in school time, confirmation must be seen before students can leave the building.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure your contact details are up to date to ensure that any communication, including texts about school closures which can occur over the winter months, is sent to the correct telephone number/email.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Below is a link to a parent questionnaire and we would very much appreciate it if as many parents as possible could complete it for us. There is space for comments and your feedback, positive or negative, will be welcomed. Click on the link or copy and paste the address into your web browser.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfY0_C23-if4CjVE9noEHrM99t3XttC0h_2Is3RzW-VLAyvHA/viewform?usp=sf_link

WINTER UNIFORM

As we enter the winter months, we appreciate that students will be coming to school in hoodies/coats/boots but can we remind you that all these items are not part of the uniform and students should remove them and be in the correct footwear, without hoodies and coats being worn in school. Coats/boots etc should be stored in their lockers.

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HOUSE SYSTEM

We have launched a new house system this term and students and staff have been earning points through various means; chess and dodgeball competitions have been run, and students also earn points through good attendance and parents attending parent's evenings. The winners of the last two House Rewards were McMillan who were supplied with an ice cream on one occasion and a chocolate bar on the other.

HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

We have appointed Head Boy and Head Girl and Deputies as follows:-

Head Boy - Ihsaan Hussain
Deputy Head Boy - Meher Ali-Shah

Head Girl - Maria Zahid
Deputy Head Girl - Samaira Latif

KOOOTH - mental health services for children



Free, safe and anonymous
online support for young people

Monday - Friday 12pm - 10pm
Saturday - Sunday 6pm - 10pm

Kooth, from XenZone, is an online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people, accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop and free at the point of use. At a time when mental well being, particularly in young people, is being highlighted, we thought we should bring your attention to this service which may be able to provide some support. Equally if you have any concerns please do contact your child's Head of Year



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