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Headteacher's Update

Dear Parent/Carer

Another busy half term has nearly come to an end and hopefully it will not be too long before Spring is on its way!

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are delighted with students' attendance at our extra-curricular clubs this half term. Our *Wellbeing Wednesday* provision has been particularly popular and the late bus, leaving the school at 4:30pm, has enabled more of our students to attend these sessions. Please do encourage your child to see what is on offer; we have different clubs running every evening (except for Fridays) and the students who attend really enjoy themselves.

Ready to Learn

We are incredibly proud of our behaviour for learning system, *Ready to Learn*. As you know, the Estyn inspection team in 2020 commented on the effective systems in place to support students' behaviour and on the calm and purposeful learning environment in the school. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support of this system. It is a zero tolerance approach to disruption to learning but it also places emphasis on identifying and supporting any student who is struggling to follow rules in lessons. The system has not only improved behaviour in our school, it has also lowered our exclusion levels considerably. Our school is now one of the lowest excluders in the city; this is vitally important to us as we continue to focus on being the most inclusive school as possible.

New Curriculum 2022

Our staff remain busy preparing for the launch of the new curriculum for Year 7 2022. Our INSET day on 25 March will focus on this area, as well as staff benefitting from sessions on anti-racism and allyship, in addition to sessions focusing on teaching and learning strategies for vulnerable students. Our recent INSET day on the 28 January focused on the role of the form tutor in supporting students, the ALN Transformation Act and a focus on our curriculum vision for 2022. We would like to engage with parents regarding our new curriculum vision. More information will be sent to you on this in due course.

PE Kit Update

As you are aware, we are looking to update our PE kit and held a consultation with parents last term to listen to their ideas. We continue to move forward with our plans and hope to hold further consultations in the summer to finalise the kit. The Year 7 cohort in 2023 will be the first cohort to be able to buy and wear this new PE kit.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher