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Dear All,

Welcome Back!!!!

A warm welcome to Term 2. We hope you had a good break and ready for the festive season. It has been a busy week already with Year 11 trips and other events. The learners have returned with a different energy and enthusiasm, and we welcome that to support them to be successful.

New Pastoral Lead/Safeguarding Manager

We are excited to have Ms Emily Allan with us as our DSL. This is a great opportunity for us as a school community and will be in touch with you for any support. Please use the school number to contact Emily if you have any questions.

Please see plans for next week as follows:

Swimming is Back!!-

Year 9 will start swimming again from next week and you will receive a call from your child's teacher if they are swimming. Please provide them with the appropriate clothing for the activity. Equally, do let us know if there are any additional information which would be helpful. This will be every fortnight.

Events this Term

Start of Term 2 Monday 4th November 2024

End of Term 2 Friday 20th December 2024

Festive Lunch Wednesday 11th December 2024

Inset Day-Friday 15th November 2024

Concerns with Sharps/Vapes

Please continue to help us by searching your child's bag, coats before they come to school. We have taken vapes, sharpener blades and paper clips from students. This is becoming a real concern for us as some learners get frustrated and agitated when we ask them to open their pockets or open their bags.

Taxi Journeys/Safety-

We are aware of issues with taxis running late and unsettling learners in the morning for drop off and pick up in the afternoons. This has been shared with the transport teams for support. Please let us know if you are having repeated issues so that we can forward to transport to make them aware. We have also received some concerns from some taxis about learners' behaviour during the journey which can be unsafe at times. **Please encourage your child to follow instructions during the journey to ensure they are safe.**



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Social Media

Thank you too for sharing ongoing concerns with us and taking actions at home to ensure your child is safe online. We have noticed some of our learners did not come to school with their mobile phones and have explained they are taking away. This is huge for some of our learners and there have been reflective conversations on the risks of using social media inappropriately as well as ongoing support provided at school to create awareness of on-line safety.

Food Bank

Please contact the office if you would like us to provide you with any items from our food bank and any donations will be greatly received.

Academy Council Vacancy (Parent/Carer)

Thank you for your response to my plea. I am grateful for the response and will be contacting you next week to go through the process.

Have a great weekend and see you next week.

Thank you for working with us and look forward to meeting you all soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kay Sarpong', is written in a cursive style.



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