



October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this half term draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents and carers for the support we have received in driving forward with school improvement.

I appreciate that change is not always easy and we are setting our standards high. However, the majority of our students have risen to this challenge. We have seen an increase in achievement points and further improvements in the behaviour and attitudes of the vast majority.

Last night we held our Tutor Evenings for Years 7 and 12, it was encouraging to see so many parents and carers attend. The partnership between home and school is vital.

Dates

Next half term we will be holding two parent forums. The first in early November and the second in December. Further information regarding these will be sent at the beginning of next term.

In addition, a couple of further dates for your diary for the next half term are:

- Tuesday 25th October – PS16 and Period 6 Information Evening for parents and carers of **Year 11** students
- Thursday 10th November - **Year 11** Parents' Evening

Personal Study/Revision

I would like to remind all parents and carers that students are now able to visit the Bletchley Library before school from 8am Monday-Friday for quiet reading, as well as lunchtimes Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. There will be activities available such as book clubs, chess, quiet reading, as well as time to complete homework or independent study.

Following the half term break, our Year 11's PS 16 and Period 6 sessions will be starting to enable them further opportunities of study in their GCSE year. Information on these has recently been sent out.

Attendance

The attendance of students is vital. Simply put, if they are not in school, they are missing lessons which will have a huge impact on grades. We monitor attendance carefully and are addressing any poor attendance rapidly. Please ensure that your child has regular attendance and contact your child's tutor if you have any concerns.

Today (Friday 14th October) is our final day before the half term break. We would like to remind you that Monday 24th October is one of our staff training days and that **all students should return on Tuesday 25th October, in full uniform.** (Please see the Term dates at the end of the letter)

The Trussell Trust supports communities to open foodbanks across the UK. The Coalville Foodbank is part of this nationwide network, working to combat poverty and hunger. Please see the following link for more information on how to get help or how to get involved and support <https://coalville.foodbank.org.uk/>

We look forward to seeing all students on 25th October. In the meantime, I wish you and your family a happy and relaxing half term break.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Grainge
Associate Principal

Term Dates 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

Teacher Day	<i>Friday 26th August (school closed to students)</i>
Bank Holiday	<i>Monday 29th August</i>
Teacher Day	<i>Tuesday 30th August (school closed to students)</i>
Teacher Day	<i>Wednesday 31st August (school closed to students)</i>
The Castle Rock School opens for Years 7, 11 and 13	Thursday 1 st September
Schools open for all students	Friday 2 nd September
Schools close	Friday 14th October
Autumn Half Term	17th October to 21st October
Teacher Day	<i>Monday 24th October (school closed to students)</i>
Schools open	Tuesday 25 th October
Schools close	Friday 16th December
Christmas Holiday	<i>19th December to 2nd January</i>

Spring Term 2023

Teacher Day	<i>Tuesday 3rd January (school closed to students)</i>
Schools open	Wednesday 4th January
Schools close	Friday 17th February
Spring Half Term	<i>20th February to 24th February</i>
Schools open	Monday 27th February
Schools close	Friday 31st March
Easter Holiday	<i>3rd April to 14th April</i>

Summer Term 2023

Schools open	Monday 17th April
Bank Holiday	<i>Monday 1st May</i>
Schools close	Friday 26th May
Summer Half Term	<i>29th May to 2nd June</i>
Schools open	Monday 5th June
Schools close	Friday 14th July