

25 May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support during this academic year so far. We are obviously well into our public exam period and I am able to report how well Year 11 and Year 13 are conducting themselves, we all wish them well. Please let us know if there is any extra support they require at this time.

### **Uniform Update**

Please find attached uniform expectations as from 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023. We have taken parent and student views into consideration in making some changes for this summer and beyond. Students have asked us to include shorts as part of our uniform which we have done, please ensure only shorts meeting the description attached are purchased. We would also draw your attention to the requirements for school skirts and trousers.

### **Term Dates**

An adjustment has been made to our term dates for next year regarding the date we commence school in September and our INSET days. Please find these attached.

### **Screening**

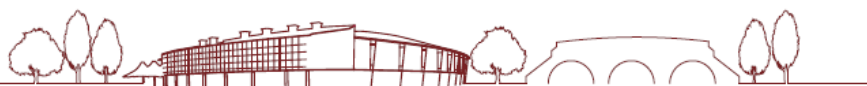
Thank you very much indeed for working with us to keep the school safe. We are pleased to have noted a reduction in the number of vaping incidents but as with other schools, there is still more to do. In line with the Searching, Screening and Confiscation guidance published by the DfE in 2022, the school has purchased a handheld metal detector to scan students who are suspected of vaping on school premises, this does not require contact. Parents/carers will be informed if this is necessary.

### **Trust Update**

We are currently waiting to hear from the DfE regarding our application to join SAST, I will update you when I have further information.

### **Charity Prefects' Concert**

We are hosting our second annual charity concert. Our Charity Prefects have organised this to be held on Friday, 30 June, gates open at 4.30 pm and live music will start at 5.00 pm. There will be food available to purchase during the evening and the event will raise money for Dorset Children's Foundation and the Blandford Opportunity Group. More information will be published shortly, we do hope you are able to join us.



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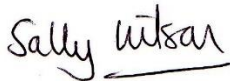
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I would like to wish you a restful half term when it arrives and we look forward to seeing our students return on Monday, 5 June. A reminder that Friday, 23 June is an INSET day.

Yours sincerely



Sally Wilson  
Headteacher

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