

Tuesday 10 October 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Person(s) with Parental Responsibility,

The school year has got off to a great start and this letter is to share some important information with you.

A new school website

This term we have launched a new school website. The website has a new lay-out and format that reflects our school vision and values clearly for all our school community. Each page of the website has been reviewed and the information has been updated. The website is an important source of information for parents, for example you can read about:

- Latest school news and messages
- School and Trust Policies
- Curriculum
- Staff contacts
- Term Dates
- Times of the school day
- The Home/School agreement

Please make time to go to the new website using this link <u>SarahBonnell.com</u> and read all the new information we have to share with you.

Improving communication between home and school - Go 4 Schools

This term we have also successfully launched the new on-line platform called Go4Schools. This platform improves the access you have to information about your daughter's attendance, progress and participation in school life. Signing-up to Go4Schools is essential because all communication between school and home will be via this on-line platform. This is the last 'paper' copy of a letter that the school will issue. Please sign-up before 20 October 2023 if you haven't done so already.

Black History Month - An evening of celebration on Wednesday 1 November 2023

In celebration of Black History Month we will be holding a special event to reflect, represent and celebrate Black History, culture and achievement. The evening will be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate with inspiring performances and displays. All students are welcome to attend with an adult family member. The event is being held in school from 5.30pm - 7.00pm in the Piazza and Assembly Hall

Uniform - Be proud

All students are required to wear full and correct Sarah Bonnell Uniform. Please ensure that your daughter has a full and correct uniform every day as an outward sign of her commitment to our school community. Please remind your daughter that face-coverings are not permitted in school unless this has been approved by a member of the Year Team for a specific medical reason for a limited period of time.

Year 7 Celebration of Learning

We have been incredibly impressed with our new Year 7 cohort who have made a brilliant start to secondary school. In order to celebrate their first term of learning we are holding a special event on Wednesday 18 October for all Year 7 families. The event will take place in the Piazza and Assembly Hall from 4.30pm - 6.00pm. We look forward to seeing our Year 7 families then.

Chrome Books

All students were required to return their school Chrome Book in July 2023 so that we could update the devices and migrate them to our new Google Platform. The school is reviewing our 'Device for All' programme in light of the number of Chrome Books returned in good working condition. At the moment we are not going to re-issue every student with a new device for use at home and in school. Students do, however, continue to have access to devices in school which they can use during lesson time, before and after school in the Learning Hub and during other Enrichment and Intervention clubs.

World Mental Health Day - Tuesday 10 October 2023

Our school is proud to be taking a leading role in the ITV ' Britain Get Talking' campaign which aims to encourage students to talk to their families about what's on their mind. Ms Bibi, Assistant Headteacher and some of our brilliant Year 11 Prefects were recently interviewed by ITV about this campaign. I am sure that you will agree that now , more than ever, we need to support young people with their mental health and wellbeing. So please get involved and follow this link to find out more <u>ITV Britain Get talking</u>

Yours sincerely,

Rae Potter - Headteacher