

Dear Parent/Carer

Principal's update – February 2017

1 New Build Update

I am pleased to announce that work at our new build site is due to start next Monday and that we are still on schedule to relocate to the Tarmac site in September 2017.

2 PTFA

I am very pleased to introduce you to our PTFA. Please find attached an information hand-out about the PTFA together with a questionnaire for you to complete and return by Monday 27th February to your son/daughter's form tutor. There is also an application form for any parent wishing to join the PTFA which again needs to be returned on the first Monday back after half term.

The PTFA will begin fund raising after half term to help school buy additional sports equipment and assist our students with various activities that they will be organising. With this in mind all staff and students will be participating in a Sponsored Walk during enrichment time on Monday 6th March. Your son/daughter was given a sponsor form for this yesterday and we would be grateful if you could encourage them to complete it. Please do come and join us if you are able to on 6th March from 3.05-4.05pm onwards. Secondly, we are also participating in the 'Bag 2 school' initiative and if you have any good quality clean clothes, curtains, soft toys, belts, handbags and shoes (please tie shoes together) can you put them in the bag provided and send to school by no later Monday morning 20th March? My thanks go to Mrs Cheryl Kumar – Chair of the PTFA for setting it up and for organising all the events.

3 Medical appointments

Can I request parents that where possible all medical appointments are made out of school time? If this cannot be avoided then please bring/send your son/daughter's medical appointment card/letter to reception for us to see before you take your son/daughter out during the school day. Thank you

4 Enrichment

Students will begin their 3rd enrichment session after half term. I wrote to you earlier in the year to ask for your assistance to help us pay for additional costs and would like to thank all parents who contributed the first £15. The second amount is not due until Friday 7th April. My thanks also go to the parents who have already paid the full £45.

5 Year 8 Options Parents Evening

We will be holding a Year 8 Parents Evening on 13th March (5.00-7.00pm) to discuss their GCSEs and Year 9 studies. I will be sending a letter after half term with further details but would be grateful if you could keep the dates and times free.

Finally can I wish all students and parents a happy and safe half term? We look forward to students reporting to school as normal on Monday 27th February.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jaswinder Kaur Sangha
Principal