

February 2019

Dear parents/carers

I am writing to you at the end of the half term 3 in our academic calendar.

Our Year 11s are midway through their final preparations for their GCSE/BTEC examinations. Year 10 now have their GCSE pathway in front of them with clear experience of what it will take to reach the potential they are capable of. Our Key Stage 3 in years 7 and 8 are building upon the foundations laid at primary school and sandwiched in the middle are our Year 9s who are now in the process of selecting their pathway through GCSEs to Post-16 education.

These elements are all really exciting stages for our young people, however it is very important that they attend school every day to get the maximum benefit from their time at school.

Recently, we have seen a decline in attendance from some families and I (along with all staff) do ask that you make every attempt to ensure your young people attend regularly. A massive thank you to all those families with young people who are exceeding their attendance target – it will make a huge difference to their life chances.

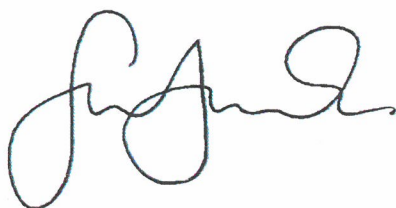
As always we have received visits from people outside the school to check how our improvement journey is progressing. This half term we received visits from schools outside of our Trust, Tipton School Academy Trust (Brigantia and Seven Hills) to learn from our practices that have led to our continued improvement. The Lord Lieutenant Andrew Coombe (the Queen's representative in South Yorkshire) also visited for a day and was extremely complimentary about student behaviour, our facilities, the lessons he visited and our curriculum provision (including construction, hair & beauty, bike maintenance and horticulture) alongside the more traditional subjects of English, maths and science (to name a few).

Thank you to parents who have supported and helped as we tackle the issues being experienced in our community outside of the school day. We are convening meetings and working closely with all agencies to ensure safety and support for all our young people.

Please do support us in learning by replenishing pens, pencils and the important equipment for our young people. Thank you for continuing to support our students' pride and presentation in uniform and in their books – it does make a real difference.

Enjoy the half term break and we will see our young people return on Monday 25 February 2019.

Yours faithfully



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