

## **Fulford School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and looking forward to the Easter break.

The brighter nights and (intermittent) warmer weather have allowed us to further expand the number of clubs and trips we are able to offer. We have over 60 active clubs that meet either at lunchtime or after school and we would love every pupil to partake in at least one club. With so many to choose from I am sure there will be something of interest for everyone, but if not, please let us know and we will see what we can do about starting one. Who knows, your child may mirror the success of our Frisbee club. Following success at National Championships, a number of our pupils have been selected for international duty!

Along with regular trips to the theatre, concerts and our extensive Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, it was great to hear about the fantastic time Year 11 had at Alton Towers yesterday. This was a well-earned day of relaxation and fun for our Year 11 who have reacted magnificently to their mock GCSE exams and all the uncertainty and disruption the pandemic has brought.

We have also run two whole school charity events supporting Comic Relief and The Disaster Emergency Committee's Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal. Both days were well supported with lots of fundraising activities lead by pupils including penalty shoot outs against staff, bake sales and our own festival in a lunchtime taking place in the hall. We also used our assemblies to further understand the reasons that result in people having to leave their homes and become refugees.

As we move into the Easter holidays, it is important that Year 11 along with our Year 13 students lay good foundations and habits around revision and preparation for the upcoming exams. It is equally important that they do have some downtime and relaxation with friends and family. We are always available to support the whole family during the added pressure that exams bring. Exams do bring added pressure, this is normal, but if you are concerned about your child's wellbeing in any way please do get in touch with the school.

Over the last few weeks we have been able, at times, to open up the field at lunchtimes. Our hope is to have the fields open throughout the summer term. Can you please ensure that your child has a water bottle and in particularly sunny weather a hat would be advisable.

Pupils are allowed to take their blazers off when outside and wear a non-branded hat when sunny. Pupils should be in full school uniform when in school. During the summer we will keep an eye on the temperature and if appropriate will allow pupils not to wear their blazers as they walk around school. Pupils may always take their blazers off when in lessons.

This is the first year all pupils, except Year 11, have worn the new school uniform since it changed in September 2020. Pupils are wearing their uniform really well and look very smart. Thank you for supporting your children and the school by sending them to school in the correct uniform. We have made some adaptations along the way, taking into account pupil voice and our pupil leadership groups.

We are allowing pupils to wear school specific badges. This will include preferred pronoun badges and pride badges, which are being devised by pupil leaders from our equality and diversity group. Other commercial badges should not be worn on blazers.

Over the holidays, please take the time to read the school and SYMAT newsletters. There is so much going on in school that we can all be rightly proud of.

I hope you and your family have a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

Yours faithfully,

Steve Lewis Head Teacher



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