

## **Fulford School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Celebration

It has been lovely to finish the year with a series of celebratory events across the school. Our Arts Festival has highlighted the wide range of creative work done in Drama, Music and Art.

We have celebrated the joy of reading with other schools across the city and last week all lessons started with teachers reading to pupils for the first ten minutes of their lessons. In addition, our Year 9 pupils went to The Barbican as part of York Reading Festival for an author talk.

We had two fantastic days last week where pupils competed in sports day and were given the opportunity to go to Flamingo Land with their year group. A great time was had by all!

We hosted four fantastic awards evening events where pupils were given a series of awards celebrating their achievements over the year. As well as the award ceremony, the audience enjoyed some truly outstanding music from our pupils and were inspired by the speeches from past pupils who are part of our ever increasing and impactful alumni.

Finally, each year group will be finishing the year with a celebratory assembly. Well done to all our pupils who have achieved so much this year.

## Saying goodbye

Year 11 and 13 finished school in style and each had fantastic evenings at their proms. It was lovely to welcome the prom back after the Covid lockdowns.

We say goodbye to some of our staff members at the end of the year as they either retire or move on to new roles. Amongst our staff leavers this year are Mr Allen, Curriculum Leader of DT and Mr Walker, Assistant Head Teacher who leave us after 3 years and 8 years respectively for promoted posts in local schools.

Our Exams Officer, Mrs Alexander is retiring after over 14 years of service at Fulford School. We wish all of our colleagues well for their future and thank them for the support, inspiration and skills they have brought to our school.

We will finish school on Friday 22nd July at 12:40pm, following period 3. Buses have been informed. Pupils have worked hard this year and have made really pleasing progress and deserve a great summer break

Please could pupils ensure that their lockers are emptied by the end of this week. Any unclaimed items inside lockers will be donated to charity. Likewise, if your child has any medication stored in the medical centre (including epipens and/or inhalers) can you please collect the items from the PSU at the beginning or end of the school day. All medication not collected by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 will be safely disposed of.

## Next Year

Year 7 and Year 12 will return after the summer break on Tuesday 6th September. All other pupils will return on Wednesday 7th September.

School uniform standards this year have been excellent, thank you for supporting standards, it really does make a difference. Uniform standards are clear and reasonable.

Can I please remind parents that hair should be a natural colour and pupils may not wear facial piercings. Correct uniform worn properly is a basic expectation and we will challenge pupils who do not cooperate. It is important we focus on learning and not avoidable issues around uniform

Good attendance is so important to pupils and makes such a difference to pupils' progress. Unless there are truly exceptional circumstances, I will not authorise term time holiday absence.

Punctuality also ensures we can maximise learning. Pupils must be in school by 8:50am at the very latest to start form time at 8:55am. Anyone arriving after 8:50am will be late.

I hope you and your family have a restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming you back to Fulford in September.

Yours faithfully,

Steve Lewis Head Teacher



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