



12 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New year to you and your families, I hope you all had a great festive break. I want to thank everyone for your support in the approach to Christmas: as a school community we engaged with a number of projects to support the vulnerable in society and raised an amazing £1100 for 'Save the Children' through our Christmas jumper day.

It has been great to welcome back all of our students and it has been amazing to see attendance at around 97%, which represent levels we haven't seen since before the Covid pandemic. Whilst we always encourage students to be in school if at all possible, the following link has been shared by the government amid the high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever which were seen before the Chrstmas break:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever>

We now embark on a really busy half term which sees a packed schedule of events and so I wanted to ensure everyone was fully informed of all key dates, in advance of further communication which will follow through relevant leaders:

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| • w/c Monday 16 January 2023 | <i>Year 9 Pathways launch</i> |
| • Thursday 19 January 2023 | <i>Year 13 Parents' Evening</i> |
| • Thursday 26 January 2023 | <i>Year 12 Parents' Evening</i> |
| • Thursday 2 February 2023 | <i>Year 9 Parents' Evening</i> |
| • Wednesday 8 February 2023 | <i>Immersion Day</i> |
| • Thursday 9 February 2023 | <i>Year 8 Parents' Evening</i> |
| • Monday 13 February 2023 | <i>Year 11 Education Evening</i> |
| • Tuesday 14 - Thursday 16 February 2023 | <i>School Show (Back to the Nineties)</i> |
| • Friday 17 February 2023 | <i>Staff INSET day (no students on site)</i> |

Synergy Parent App

There is now an app available for parents which allows you to access your Synergy account via your mobile device. Through this you will be able to view up-to-date attendance and behaviour data for your child, as well as being able to access key information such as the school calendar and parental letters. To download the app, simply visit either the Google Play store (Android) or App Store (Apple).

This 'how-to' guide is available to support in accessing the app:  Synergy Parent App.pdf Mrs L Mills (Vice Principal) will also be available between 4.00pm-5.30pm on each parents' evening should you require any further support.

As always, if you have any questions please contact your child's tutor or Achievement Team.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Jones
Acting Principal