



20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to share some key updates and reminders with you.

### **End of Term and Return Dates**

School will close for the Easter break on **Friday 28th March at 3:10pm**, and we will return on **Monday 14th April at 8.45am**. Shortly after our return, we have two bank holidays on **Friday 18th April and Monday 21st April** when school will be closed.

### **Year 11 Exam Preparation**

I understand that many of our Year 11 students may be feeling nervous as their final exams approach. To support them, school will remain open on the published days over the break for additional revision sessions. Please encourage your child to make use of the revision guides provided last term and the online learning platforms we support. These resources will be invaluable in helping them prepare effectively.

### **Changes to the School Day Trial**

When we return, we will officially enter the **Summer term**, and hopefully, the weather will reflect the change in season! To support students in accessing the canteen more efficiently, we will be trialing a **slight amendment to the school day**:

- **First break will be extended by 10 minutes**, making it a **40-minute break**. This will allow students more time to access the full menu in our food outlets and take a comfort break before returning to their third-period lesson.
- **Second break will be reduced to 20 minutes**, with a slightly reduced canteen service offering quick snack options before students head to their final period of the day.
- **There will be no change to the start and finish times of the school day**. Form time will continue to begin at **8:45am**, and school will finish at **3:10pm**.

### **Canteen Expansion Plans**

As the school has expanded significantly in recent years, we acknowledge that social times can feel crowded. To address this, we have submitted a request to the local authority to **transform the old library into a formal dining area** with new seating and flooring. This will provide additional space and improve the overall lunchtime experience. I will keep you updated on the progress of this request.

### **Easter and Eid Wishes**

Finally, I would like to wish all our families a safe and happy Easter. To those who will be celebrating Eid, I hope you have a wonderful and joyous celebration.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to welcoming students back for a productive and enjoyable Summer term.

Warm regards,

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Headteacher

