



Message from the Head

In preparation for a busy term ahead please note the important information included in this second Parents' edition of the Hotline.

Important notices

Please note:

- Y9 SAT's week** starts 5th May 2008
- Y11 GCSE exams** start 14th May 2008
(MFL speaking exams from 7th - 15th March 2008)
- Family holidays** - Please ensure that these are planned during school closure periods. New regulations only permit authorised holiday absence under certain conditions, and then only up to 10 school days. Ten days absence gives an attendance of 94.7% and research suggests that just 17 days absence in Year 11 equates to a GCSE grade!
- School dress** - Trousers that drag on the floor and become dirty and torn are unacceptable, so will you please monitor this. A reminder also that our uniform list states 'plain black shoes', ie they should have no attachments and they should not be trainers.
Thank you for your support.

GCSE Science Examinations

Parents are reminded that pupils in Years 10 and 11, sets 1, 2 and 3 are entered for GCSE examinations on the following dates:

- Tuesday 15th January - Biology***
- Friday 18th January - Chemistry***
- Monday 21st January - Physics***

We are advising pupils to spend at least 4 hours revising each subject. In addition pupils have been given a pack of practice papers to use at home. There will be some revision lessons in school but the bulk of the effort must come from the pupils themselves!

***A small number of pupils in sets 4 to 6 have been entered for one or more of these exams plus Year 11 Applied Science has only one exam.**

Health and Safety

From 8th January 2008, there will be new arrangements for the use of the hard areas in school for playing ball games during break and lunchtimes.

Please note that pupils are no longer allowed to bring their own football/rugby balls into school. Balls will be provided in school.

Finally:
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Attention Y11 Pupils' Parents

Dr. Paget Workshop-How to help your child revise

Following last years very successful programme for parents, Dr. Paget who is a leading authority on thinking skills is delivering a workshop on:

Tuesday 29th January 2008 from 17.00-18.30hrs



*I would like /would not like to attend the Parents Revision and Thinking Skills workshop.
*Please delete as appropriate.

Parent/Guardian Signature Number attending.....Date

Child's Name..... Tutor Group.....