Falconer School

Achieving the extraordinary together

Headteacher's Weekly Blog Friday 9 July

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, along with wearing red, white and blue to celebrate England's progression to the Euro 2020 final, we have held an internal transition day today. This gave the boys the opportunity to meet with their new form tutors and co-tutors for next year, have a first glance at their new timetables and discuss the changes planned for September.

The Form Tutor groups for next year are:

FORM	FORM ROOM	FORM TUTOR	CO TUTOR
7a	104	Ms Henry	Miss Scott
7b	102	Mrs Bevil-Gahan	Miss Ruparell
7c	101	Mrs Grundelingh	Miss Goldie
7d	108	Ms Ajmal	Ms Rossington
8a	7	Mr Board	Miss Kent
8b	6	Mr Holop	Mr Enter/Mrs Stanbury
8c	10	Mr Hancock	Mr Kuznicki
9a	111	Ms Frost	Mr Noot
9b	212	Mr Saich	Miss Davies
9c	8	Ms Vora	Mr Morgan
10a	215	Mr Patel	Mr Hodegs
10b	11	Mr Taylor	Mr Stacey
10c	V8	Mr Fisher	Mr Holloway
11a	110	Mrs Seed	
11b	216	Mr Mach	Mr Dowd
11c	V7	Miss Lotay	

As you are aware, the Form Tutor is the first point of contact for parents to raise any concerns or discuss any issues. In addition, we have appointed Heads of Year from September who will also be an additional point of contact for parents and carers:

- Head of Year 7 - Mrs Bevil-Gahan
- Head of Year 8 - Mr Hancock
- Head of Year 9 – Mr Saich
- Head of Year 10 – Mr Taylor
- Head of Year 11 – Mrs Seed

In September we will be launching a new Behaviour for Learning policy which will include an even greater emphasis on recognising students who are working hard in lessons, making the right choices, being kind and making progress. We are also introducing a Code of Conduct for classrooms which the School Council have helped to shape for students to follow under the headings of Respect, Responsibilities and Rights. In addition, in line with the other SEMH special schools within Hertfordshire and following the announcement by the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, we will be reintroducing the rule of all students handing in their mobile telephones on arrival to school. This also reflects the updated safeguarding guidance that all schools have to follow which has just been published in steps to keep children safe. Senior Leaders will be telephoning all parents and carers before the end of term to discuss these changes in person.

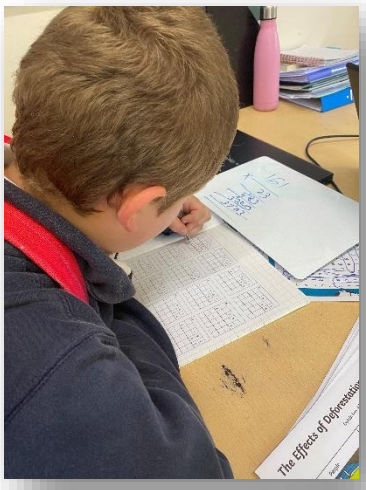
As a reminder, the last day of term this academic year is **Wednesday 21st July at 12:15 pm.** In September, we will be slightly staggering the start of term as follows:

- Thursday 2nd September – Year 7 and Year 11 students only
- Friday 3rd September – Years 7, 8 and 11 students only
- Monday 6th September – All year groups

There has also been a slight change to our holiday dates for 2021-2022 as we have been asked to include the additional bank holiday to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Although the bank holiday itself falls within the Summer Half Term holiday on Friday 3rd June we have been advised by Hertfordshire County Council to allocate an additional one day holiday within our school calendar. We have therefore decided to hold this additional day in lieu of the bank holiday on **Friday 29th April**. This will allow students, parents, carers and staff to have a longer, 4 day weekend due to the Bank Holiday Monday.

The updated calendar dates for 2021-2022 can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Lessons this week have been fantastic as ever, here is a snapshot of some lessons in action:











We have also been asked to share the following information with all our parents and carers:



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ash

Headteacher

Term Dates (2021-2022)

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY *(students do not need to attend on this day)*
Wednesday 1st September

TERM STARTS
Thursday 2nd September - Year 7 and 11 Induction Day
Friday 3rd September - Years 7, 8 and 11 commence at 8:40 am
Monday 6th September – All Year Groups

HALF TERM
Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY *(students do not need to attend on this day)*
Monday 1st November

TERM ENDS
Tuesday 21st December at 12:30 pm

TERM STARTS
Wednesday 5th January

HALF TERM
Monday 14th – Friday 18th February

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY *(students do not need to attend on this day)*
Monday 21st February

TERM ENDS
Friday 1st April at 12:30 pm

TERM STARTS
Tuesday 19th April

ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY IN LIEU OF 3.6.22
Friday 29th April

BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 2nd May

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY *(students do not need to attend on this day, however Year 11 students may be asked to attend to complete revision/exam preparation activities)*
Tuesday 3rd May

HALF TERM
Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

TERM ENDS
Wednesday 20th July at 12:30 pm