

Monday, 1st June

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we start another half term, it's good to be feeling a little cooler than I was last week! I hope you enjoyed the sunny weather and managed to get some relaxing time with your families over half term.

Attendance

Last half term was up and down – but a huge well done to year 11 for their real dedication over the last few weeks. It has been a really good team effort – despite some illness causing absence throughout school. Please remember that we can help your child with minor injuries and illnesses in school and we do not have a '48 hour rule' for sickness.

Year group	HT1 – HT4	HT5
7	95.78%	95.98%
8	93.99%	92.32%
9	93.36%	93.14%
10	91.11%	91.45%
11	93.95%	95.68%
Overall	93.66%	93.71%

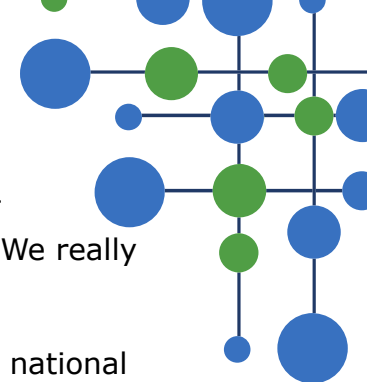
Year 11 exams

I want to massively praise our year 11 students, who are working tremendously hard during their final exams. It has been a privilege to see their care and hard work over the last few weeks – let's finish the job now, year 11!

Mrs Ali and Mrs Wood

Both of these wonderful colleagues left us at the end of last half term, and I want to thank them for their brilliant service to our students – your children – over the last few years. Mrs Ali leaves us to take up the role of Headteacher at Whitcliffe Mount Academy, and Mrs Wood will take up the role of Admin Manager at the same school. Whilst they won't be far away, we will miss them being nice and working hard for our staff and your children every single day. Mrs Richards will join us to replace Mrs Ali on Monday, 22nd June. Mrs Fenton has joined us from Mirfield Free Grammar today as Admin Manager. I am really pleased to welcome them to TCA.

RSHE parent consultation



Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Share MAT Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) parent consultation. We really appreciate you sharing your views.

Your feedback helps us make sure that what we teach in RSHE meets national requirements and reflects what matters to our families. A summary of the consultation results is now available on the Share MAT website:

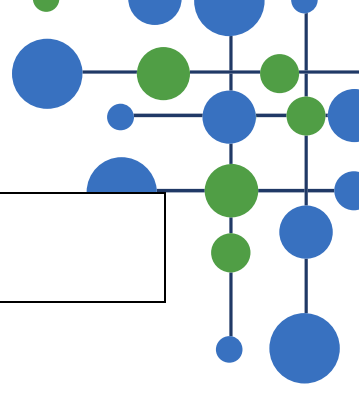
<https://www.sharemat.org/page/?title=Consultations&pid=51>

Also, don't forget that we are hosting a parental information session on Wednesday 10th June between 4 and 5pm for those parents/carers who are interested in finding out more about the Personal Development curriculum. If you would like to come along and meet staff, please complete this form to register your attendance. <https://forms.office.com/e/XEQ07rrxh3>

Uniform

Our uniform expectations are very important and will not change. Please support your child by ensuring that he/she wears the correct uniform every day. We maintain expectations and standards until the end of term, including for year 11 in their GCSE exams. If you are struggling with uniform items, please contact your child's Student Manager – we are always keen to help families to make sure your children have the right uniform.

Uniform item	Notes
Academy tie	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Available on Arbor, at TCA or from Rawcliffes, Dewsbury for £5
Academy blazer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Available from Rawcliffes, DewsburyMust be worn on corridors at all times
Black trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Full length trousers must be wornNot leggings, jogging bottoms, tracksuit bottoms, jeans, cycling short or jersey materialNot skin-tight fitTrousers must be tailored and not shiny or stretchy
Black skirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Must be knee lengthNot stretchy/jersey materialMust be worn with black tights
Black socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Must be worn if wearing trousers
Black shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Not trainers or pumpsConverse, Vans or anything made by a sportswear brand are not allowed
Salwar kameez	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If the neck is visible, a shirt and tie must be wornMust be black or dark blue with no patterns
School bag	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Essential item – not negotiableMust be big enough to carry PE kit, books and equipment
Jewellery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">One ringOne small braceletOne necklace (worn under the shirt)
Make up and piercings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">One small stud or sleeper in each earOne small nose stud (not in the septum)



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Parental survey

Thanks to those who took the time to respond to our parental survey. I am really pleased to see the positives that you see in our values, our approaches to your children’s education and our expectations for your children. There will always be things we need to work on – and we’re always keen to do that. We will always reflect on feedback and get better. Without you letting us know your views, we wouldn’t have that really important information – so, again, thank you.

Here’s to another positive half term. Be nice. Work hard.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Burton
Headteacher