

 23rd April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term. Time is flying and we are already preparing for the new academic year from September 2019.

**Departures**

At the end of last term we bid farewell to Daniel Houston our Head of English. We have been joined by Dean Fudge from the beginning of the summer term. Dean is an experienced teacher of English who has worked as a senior manager in schools with mainstream students and those with special educational needs. Dean has been studying BSL since 2015 and he is keen to improve his skills further.

**Dates**

Important dates for the term are available in your child’s diary. They are also available on the website.

**Ramadan**

Ramadan begins on the 5th May 2019. We always make a space available for students who ae fasting to rest at lunchtime. Contact the school if you have any queries about this.

**Parent/ Carers questionnaire feedback**

I am detailing feedback from the 26 parents who responded to our parent/ carer questionnaire at the Parent / Carer meeting in March. The response was overwhelmingly positive. For example; 96.2 % parents / carers were satisfied with the school and the remaining 3.8 % were unsure.

As a school we are however keen to address any concerns effectively. The main concerns expressed by the 26 parent/ carers who responded in March were as follows :

4.5 % Parents/ Carers did not think that their child was prepared for transition to another school, college, training or employment. 18.2 % were unsure.

62.5 % of Key Stage 4 and 5 Parents / Carers knew the courses or exams their young people were taking but 6.25 % did not and 31.25 % were unsure.

To address these concerns, we will be sending out updated information about the courses running at Key Stage 4 and 5 and the exams being taken this term.

In addition, we will be holding an information evening about the Key Stage 4 and 5 courses running next year. This meeting will take place before half term.

Finally, we realise that occasionally letters do not reach home due to them being misplaced or because of absence. You can read any letter issued on our website. Alerts re, letters will be sent using Schoolcomms. Please contact the school office if you do not currently receive Schoolcomms messages.

Yours faithfully,

Christine Mukasa

Head of School

**Key Dates for the Summer term 2019**

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| **Tuesday 23rd  April**  | **1st Day of Term for pupils and staff** |
| **Tuesday 23rd April****Tuesday 30th April**  | **St George’s Day : Patron Saint of England****Open Day** |
| **Thursday 2nd May**  | **First day of Afterschool Club** |
| **Monday 6th May** | **Bank Holiday** |
| **Monday 6th May****Wednesday 8th May** | **Ramadan: Islam****Year 8 Girls HPV immunisation** |
| **Tuesday 7th May to Friday 10th May** | **Year 9 & 10 Residential Stay at Isle of Wight** |
| **Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May** | **Year 7 & 8 Residential Stay at Hindleap Warren**  |
| **Monday 20th May** | **Deaf Awareness Day Oak Lodge Celebration** |
| **Friday 24th May**  | **Competition: Let’s Create**  |
| **Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May**  | **Half Term Holiday** |
| **Monday 3rd June**  | **Return to School** |
| **Monday 10th until Friday 14th June** | **English Assessment Week**  |
| **Wednesday 5th June**  | **Eid-Ul-Fitr : Islam** |
| **Tuesday 25th June**  | **Sports Day**  |
| **Thursday 27th June** | **RE day: Humanism**  |
| **Friday 28th June** | **Roots & Wings Assembly – Leavers Assembly**  |
| **Monday 1st July- Friday 5th July** | **Year 10 Work Experience & Year 11 induction**  |
| **Wednesday  10th July** | **Prize Giving  and Family Celebration** |