

24 July 2025

Dear Families

On behalf of the pastoral team, I would like to wish you all a lovely and restful summer break.

A wellbeing newsletter has been sent to all students via their year group Google Classroom. While many young people enjoy the six-week break, we understand that some may feel isolated or in need of additional support during this time. The newsletter includes helpful resources and advice to support students' wellbeing over the summer.

When your child returns to school, there will be some changes to the location of the year offices. All Assistant Heads of Year will now be working more closely together to ensure greater availability for student support and to enable the pastoral team to work more effectively, some students will have moved tutor groups and would have been told their tutor groups before they break up, and can be seen on Arbor before they return to school.

The new Pastoral Hub will be located next to SEND – The Hive and will have a strong focus on wellbeing and support. We understand that some young people find change challenging, but please be assured that all Assistant Heads of Year will remain available for appointments throughout the day.

As students are already aware, the pastoral team is as follows:

- Mr Winsor and Ms Rogers – Year 7 Team
- Mrs Mills and Miss Johnson – Year 8 Team
- Miss Blackmore and Mrs Keenan-Croad – Year 9 Team
- Mr Mircescu and Mrs Dunbar – Year 10 Team
- Mrs Bristow and Mrs Barry – Year 11 Team
- Mrs Salter – Attendance Officer
- Ms Goodwin – Family Liaison Officer
- Mrs Reilly – Safeguarding Officer
- Mr Murdoch – Associate Assistant Head for Behaviour who is leading this team

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate staff on their recent promotions and to offer a heartfelt thank you for their ongoing dedication and commitment to our students throughout the year.

Can I please use this message as a reminder of the uniform, I know parents are aware of the uniform rules in regard to what students can and can't wear but I would like to remind parents that students are to return to school with their ties and blazers, no facial piercings or excessive

jewellery and natural hair colours. If you need support with the uniform please contact me over the holidays and we will try to support where we can. All students need to return to school in uniform, as we want all students in lessons to learn, however we must ensure that everyone is following the policies that are in place.

Wishing you all a safe, happy, and restful summer.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Sandiford', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Sandiford