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11th February 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the end of another half term, may I take this opportunity to thank parents for your support and update you on some key information.

E Safety

At Trinity we work to ensure that students' use of the internet and social media sites is safe and appropriate both within and outside of the College. Students receive advice and guidance through their personal, social and health education curriculum as well as one off events that link into national campaigns such as this week's/last week's Safer Internet Day.

We are conscious that students spend most of their internet time on personal devices outside of school hours. Whilst the College has very sophisticated filtering and monitoring systems to meet the ever changing demands of the digital world, we would like to support you as parents and carers in keeping our students safe by keeping you up to date with new guidance from professional bodies. I would like to draw your attention to the E Safety area of our website under the parents' information menu, where we share this guidance to help keep you up to date with the latest advice and suggested good practice from these professional bodies.

Attendance

We would like to thank you for your support in ensuring your son/daughter attends school on time every day. A polite reminder that good attendance is between 96-100% per academic year. This means that students should be in school for no less than 183 of the total 190 days from September - July. If attendance falls below this level, your child is at risk of falling below the National Average. In such cases, a member of staff will support your child to ensure that their progress and chances of success are not affected by their absence. If there is any reason that your child can not attend school regularly, please do not hesitate to contact the Attendance Team so that we can support as appropriate.

Water Bottles/Recycling

We are currently phasing out the non-recyclable plastic waste bottles distributed at lunchtime. The water bottles are a constant source of litter, nuisance and non-recyclable. We will move towards refillable water bottles and/or recyclable cardboard 'cups'. Water will still be readily available for students at lunchtime.

Term Dates

Further to our holiday dates (distributed earlier) PD days for September 2019/20 are:

Friday 6th September 2019

Monday 9th September 2019

Full details on website

Monday 4th November 2019

Friday 6th December 2019

Monday 20th July 2020

Diary Dates

Monday 4th March 2019 4.00-7.00pm - Y9 Options/Parents Evening* - Please note this date is different to that previously published. A separate letter to Year 9 parents will follow.

Wednesday 20th March 2019 4.00-7.00pm - Y8 Parents Evening

Year 11 GCSE Revision Evening

There will be a 'Parent Power' revision session led by Study Skills Zone on Thursday 21st March 5.30-7pm with an update on Easter revision sessions, Study Saturday and May Half Term revision. A letter with details to sign up for the Parents Evening will be sent in due course.

Lunch Payments

We encourage parents to use Parent Pay but parents will be aware that on occasion when a student 'forgets' lunch money, school will provide a lunch ticket, to be repaid at the earliest opportunity. Parents will be contacted where there is a significant amount of unpaid lunch tickets.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please contact fsm@mouchel-middlesbrough.com or 01642 726541 for further advice.

Reports

Year 11 and Year 13 reports will be available on Parent Portal over half term.

Year 10 & Year 12 Interim reports will be available on Parent Portal week commencing 25th February 2019.

The next KS3 reports will be available on Parent Portal week commencing 11th March 2019.

Mobile Phones

Use of mobile phones is only permitted at break and lunchtime outside of the school building and in the hall. For safety/security reasons we allow students to bring mobile phones into school but they must be turned off and in bags. Phones are not allowed at any other time. If students are using their phone in the school building, this will result in the phone being confiscated and returned via student services at the end of the school day.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Granycome
Headteacher