



25th October 2023

**END OF HALF TERM**

Dear Parents / Carers,

End of the Half Term and Start of the New One	School will finish for students on Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October at 3pm as normal and the new half term begins at 8:30am on Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November. We will begin the new half term with form time to ensure that all students are ready for the challenges ahead.
MyChildAtSchool App  Go4Schools App	We strongly encourage all parents to set up both apps to allow you to monitor your child's schooling. MyChildAtSchool contains all attendance and behaviour information including rewards and detention which have been set, and Go4Schools contains all academic information. Information on these will be shared separately again shortly.
School of Sanctuary	<p>We are proud to share that we have been awarded the status of a 'School of Sanctuary' which makes us the first secondary school in Telford to be recognised as such.</p> <p>A School of Sanctuary is one where all are committed to being welcoming and inclusive to refugees and people seeking asylum. Through this, awareness of the issues facing people in the asylum system is raised and misconceptions are challenged with the aim of building social cohesion at a very difficult time.</p>
Uniform	<p>We were very grateful for your support at the start of term and very proud of how our students presented themselves in full uniform. All who attended looked ready to learn and behaved accordingly.</p> <p>As the half term has progressed, some of your children's uniform has slipped and at the start of the new half term, we will be revisiting our expectations and supporting students to make the right choices. Anyone out of uniform will be expected to return home to change before being welcomed into school or they will be expected to use the clothing we have available. I am sure that with your support, your child will again understand the importance of looking ready to learn.</p>
Toilets	<p>Contrary what may have been said in some quarters, toilets are available for students before school, at break and lunch, and after school. Every child with a toilet pass for a medical condition can access them at any time and any other child can request the toilet. What we have acted on is the number of students using a toilet break to miss learning and this is both legitimate and in their best interests.</p> <p>What we ask is that you speak to your child about using social time to use the toilet and allow learning time to be uninterrupted. In that way, their learning journey will be much smoother and allow them to excel.</p>

Autumn 2 Dates	<p>There are a number of dates to look out for in the coming half term:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 286 687 360">20<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December</td> <td data-bbox="695 286 1394 360">Year 11 mock examinations</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 360 687 398">13<sup>th</sup> December</td> <td data-bbox="695 360 1394 398">Reports issued to parents through Go4Schools</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 398 687 436">20<sup>th</sup> December</td> <td data-bbox="695 398 1394 436">Christmas Concert</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 436 687 510">22<sup>nd</sup> December</td> <td data-bbox="695 436 1394 510">Christmas Jumper Day with donations going to Save the Children</td> </tr> </table>	20 <sup>th</sup> November – 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 11 mock examinations	13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reports issued to parents through Go4Schools	20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert	22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day with donations going to Save the Children
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Communication	<p>The value of effective communication between parents and carers and school is beyond measure and this is something we wish to continue to develop. Our aim is for all parents and carers to know who to go to with issues and engage directly, meaningfully and respectfully for the good of the school community.</p> <p>Where there is a pastoral matter (attendance, personal or behaviour), your first contact will be your child’s tutor or head of year. They will be able to assist you and direct you further if needed.</p> <p>Where there is an academic issue, your child’s tutor can again help to direct you, or you can address any query through the subject teacher or head of department.</p> <p>If you do not have the correct email address for the person you need to speak to, emailing <a href="mailto:info@telfordprioryschool.co.uk">info@telfordprioryschool.co.uk</a> with the subject of “FAO...” will allow your query to be directly properly.</p>								
End of Autumn 2	<p>The half term will end at 12:45pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December with student released to make their own way home at this point. All students will be able to access food should they require it.</p>								

We hope that you and your family have a relaxing half term and we look forward to working with you again after the break.

Yours faithfully,



David Barber  
Acting Headteacher