

14 November 2017



Dear Parent/Carer

Y11 & Y13 Pre-public examinations

As we come towards the end of another busy term I would like to update you on a number of things. Firstly a big congratulations to our Y11 and 13 students! We are very pleased that they are working so hard and look forward to them performing well in the pre-public (mock) examinations which begin on **Thursday 30 November** until **Friday 15 December**. We will be supporting our students with tips on staying well during exam periods to help them build their resilience. In order to further support your children, we ask that you work with us to ensure their attendance is the best it can be: if your child is too poorly to attend school, please contact Mrs Lovell, Attendance Officer on: 01630 652121 ext. 4.

Progress Day

Following feedback from parents, this year we will not be holding parents' evenings as we have in the past. Instead we will be holding a **Progress Day** on **Wednesday 24 January**. On this extended day you are invited to school to speak to your child's tutor for a meeting that will last approximately 20 minutes. You will be provided with a comprehensive range of data including your child's "Attitude to Learning" grades; the most recent data from all of their classes; key messages from their subject specific staff; their targets and what they need to do to achieve these. This new format will provide you with key information about your child's progress. If at any stage you require information from any of your children's teachers please note that they can be contacted by email (addresses can be found on the School website). More detailed information about Progress Day will be issued at the start of next term.

Future Dates

A reminder that **01 December** is a staff INSET day.

There are many events to look forward to for the remainder of the term. **06 December** is the Carol Concert at St Mary's. We are proud to be supporting one of our parents (Bernadette Speers) raise funds for her disabled daughter Aimee Leigh on Friday **December 08** by holding a non-uniform day. Also on **08 December** we have the now legendary **Grove's Got Talent**; **14 December** is the Year 7 disco; **18 December** is a 'cinema' afternoon for Years 10&11 – viewing one of their GCSE texts; **18 December** is also our magical Winter Wonderland extravaganza for KS4 students whilst school ends on **19 December** with a Christmas Pizza Party for KS3 students. These events are to reward those students who have been making lots of effort with their learning and progress. More details of these events can be found on the website.

Next week it is National Chemistry Week - **Monday 20-25 November**. Various whizz bangs will be happening in S06 at lunchtimes and there is a Chemistry of Chocolate lecture live stream from the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Communication

We are increasing our use of Twitter and Facebook to convey messages to you about school and would encourage you to follow us for the latest updates. We are also asking all our parents and carers to complete Student Information Forms to ensure that we hold your most up to date contact details including email addresses. Letters sent home from school are alerted to you via Wisepay and are also alerted via social media. You can follow us on **Twitter** @grove.eu or **Facebook** GROVE SCHOOL MARKET DRAYTON. Letters are always posted on our website.

Uniform

Finally, we continue to be very proud of the way that most of our students wear their uniform, however there are still some instances where girls are wearing 'stretchy' skirts and these are not in our uniform policy. Similarly canvas shoes are not acceptable and piercings are only allowed in the lowest part of the ear. Please support us by ensuring that your children wear the correct uniform at all times.

I wish you well at this very busy time of the year and remind you to contact us if you need any further information about events at school or about your child's progress.

Yours faithfully,

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