

July 2018

Dear Parent/ Guardian

Your son/daughters' most recent effort and attainment report will have been posted home to you – please continue to review this document with your child and contact a member of the pastoral team or subject teachers if you have any questions.

As we approach the summer holidays, this term has been both busy and exciting. We have seen students move into their new option subjects and begin their newly tailored curriculum. At the end of term, we held our annual celebration event, something that I always enjoy. It is clear to see we have so many students whose commitment to hard work and perseverance is outstanding. The year group as a whole should be very proud of themselves.

This term we have also had prospective Year 5 and 6 students attend our school for taster days; there has been an overwhelming number of our students used to help out both within departments and as pastoral ambassadors. This is a testament to the way in which they behave around school, demonstrating responsibility and a mature attitude to learning. Thank you to those students who helped during these days, they were a credit to the school once again.

This term we have covered many different topics during our SMSC work and we have recently completed a workshop held by 'Healthy Minds', which gave students an insight into coping with anxiety and stress – something we are seeing more and more of as students mature. Any student experiencing difficulties should contact a member of the year team however more information can be found at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ewb](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ewb).

I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that time off during term-time for holidays can only be granted in exceptional circumstances (as per guidelines from the Department for Education: <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/overview>). Intentions to take your child out of school must be provided in writing to the Headteacher prior to any bookings made. The Headteacher will then respond – a maximum of 10 days may be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Please also be reminded that students are required to have the correct combination of uniform. If your child is continuing to wear the old, lighter grey blazer they must wear black trousers/ black skirt. These trousers should not be tight, leggings or jean material. Jean style trousers will not be accepted. If your child is wearing a skirt, this must not be short or made from stretch material. If your child is wearing the new uniform, the dark grey blazer must be accompanied by a dark grey skirt/ pair of trousers. The new uniform can be purchased from Nationwide school wear in Spilsby. When purchasing items for the new academic year, please see the Giles Academy website for clear guidelines.

I wish you the very best for the summer holidays and look forward to seeing students again in September where students return on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Kind regards,



Mrs S Dyer  
Head of Year 9