

October 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Please find enclosed your son/daughter's effort and attainment report for this term. This is an important indicator as to how your child has settled in to his/her new subjects. Please discuss this report with your son/daughter and identify current strengths and areas for improvement. If you would like to discuss this report further, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor, or individual subject teachers.

Our first term back after summer has once again been very busy; students are continuing with their positive start to their Key Stage 4 option choices. As part of our preparation for Key Stage 4, our Pastoral curriculum has been focusing on topics that are appropriate to adolescents. Our first theme has been Alcohol and Drugs awareness, particularly focusing on the law, and understanding the effects they can have. This continued with our 'Multi Agency Day' on Thursday 4th October where all of Year 9 participated in six different 50 minute workshops. This allowed students to learn and debate on areas, namely road safety, online safety, healthy relationships, anti-social behaviour, drugs awareness and alcohol awareness. Student feedback identified that all students felt the day was useful, and the most effective workshop was understanding how to be safe online.

Emphasising the importance of staying safe online, I would like to remind you of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Board website that provides regularly updated information on the types of social media applications that young people are using. The website can be particularly helpful in identifying the possible risks of such apps.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lscb/the-lscb/campaigns-resources-and-briefings/130167.article>

I would like to thank you for working with us on correcting students uniform over the summer break. There are still a few issues with uniform that I would like to clarify:

- Students wearing the dark grey blazer must be wearing dark grey trousers
- Students wearing the light grey blazer must be wearing black trousers
- Students should not be wearing any nail varnish, gel or acrylic nails
- Students are allowed one ear piercing – no other piercings are permitted.

Looking ahead to the next term, we break-up for Christmas on Friday 21st December 2018 and return on Tuesday 8th January.

Kind Regards



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