

Headteacher: Christopher Anders BA (Hons) MA

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Please find enclosed your son/daughter's Assessment Report. This is the last one to be sent home this year. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate in contacting your son/daughter's Mentor or Progress Leader.

Farewell to Year 11

For parents of students in Year 11, their final assembly is on Thursday, 25 June, followed by a balloon release. The Prom is also on Thursday, 25 June at the Queen's Hotel in Southsea. Student attendance at the Prom is by invitation only.

'Bad Hair Week'

As has now become the tradition, we will again have a 'Bad Hair Week' from Monday, 13 July to Wednesday, 22 July 2015. This is an opportunity for students to express their individuality with whatever hairstyle and colour they wish, with the proviso that hair is back to an acceptable style and colour for the start of the new school year in September.

Uniform Grant

We have received notification from the Local Authority that as from September 2015 Hampshire County Council will no longer be offering a uniform grant. It is, however, available to the end of the current academic year. For more details visit our website.

End of year/Start of year arrangements

The last day of term is Wednesday, 22 July 2015. The school day will end at 1.00pm following a whole school assembly. The start dates for the new school year in September are as follows:

- Wednesday, 2 September 2015 – Year 7 start with a normal school day in full school uniform.
- Wednesday, 2 September 2015 – Year 8 to 11 attend for 20 minute interviews with their Mentor, accompanied by a parent where possible.
- Thursday, 3 September 2015 – all years in school for a normal school day in full school uniform

From September we will have a revised school day. The same start and end times apply as at present, but we are moving to a five period day with a single break and two lunch slots. This reflects the extra space and new facilities we have as the main building work comes to an end. The day will give a smoother flow to the learning and ensure even more opportunities are provided for excellent teaching and lessons.

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A reminder of other key dates before the end of term

- Monday 29 June to Friday, 3 July – Freshers' week
- Monday, 29 June to Friday, 10 July – Year 10 Work Experience fortnight
- Wednesday, 15 July – Years 7-9 Awards evening. Invitations will be sent to those students and their families who will be receiving an award.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Walker".

Sue Walker
Deputy Headteacher