

» Headteachers Message

A Community That Comes Together

This half term is about our school community coming together to support one another. Over the next two weeks, our Year 11 students will be sitting their mock examinations, and I want to recognise the incredible commitment already being shown. Over 110 Year 11 students chose to attend revision workshops over the February half term. This level of engagement reflects a culture of ambition, support and belief in success.

Attendance is also crucial to success. There are only five weeks in this half term and, in assemblies this week, I am challenging students to attend all 25 days. There are, of course, times when students are genuinely too unwell to be in school. However, on days when they are feeling slightly under the weather, turning up can make a huge difference to their overall success. The data both nationally and locally is always striking. The difference between being in school 90 percent of the time and 95 percent of the time is proven to have a real impact on outcomes. This is the difference between missing nearly four weeks of school across a year compared to around two weeks. Small changes in attendance make a big difference to success.

Alongside this, we are looking forward to celebrating our community during Culture Week, beginning on 16th March. This week is designed to recognise and celebrate the diversity of our school community. There will be themed food available from the canteen and activities taking place throughout the entire week. On the Friday, there will be a non uniform day. Students will hear more about this from the School Council, who are organising the events and activities for the week. Culture Week is an important opportunity for students to learn from one another, take pride in who they are, and strengthen the sense of belonging that underpins success.

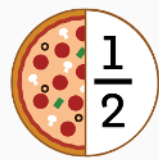
Mrs Jones, Headteacher.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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chances of a GRADE 5 in core GCSEs

EVERY DAY COUNTS


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WORTHING

*compared to similar pupils attending 90-95% of the time.
Statistics from the Department of Education

A reminder about drop off and pick up arrangements

For health and safety reasons, the school gate is closed for drop off at 8.20am and reopens at 3.45pm. As we have a small car park, only vehicles with permits are able to enter. Please do not turn around outside the school gate, as this creates a serious safety risk for our students. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us keep everyone safe.

ERA Week Supporting Every Student to Take Part

Over the next two weeks, we will be sharing final arrangements for ERA Week for students who are not on a residential trip. ERA Week is an important part of our curriculum offer and is designed to provide students with enriching, purposeful experiences that support their learning, confidence and personal development. Our approach to ERA Week is rooted in equity and opportunity. Our aim is to ensure that every child benefits from high quality experiences, regardless of background or circumstance. If you would like to talk anything through or need further information, please do get in touch and we will be happy to support you.

Financial assistance will be available for families who may need support, and we will work with you to ensure that no student misses out because of cost. In some cases, students with complex needs may be excused or supported with alternative arrangements where this is the right thing to do.

Our aim is that ERA Week feels inclusive, positive and worthwhile for every student.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. When our community works together families, students and staff, we create the calm, purposeful environment in which young people can thrive.

» Upcoming dates

5 March SEN PEG Meeting

11 March Y7 Parent/Carer Evening

13 March Y7 Trip Winchester

16 March Culture Week

19 March Y8 Options Evening

20 March Turing Charity Day (Non-uniform Day)

27 March Last Day of Term

16 April Y8 Parent/Carer Evening

