



From the Headmaster

At the end of our second week, I would like to take this opportunity to go over a few housekeeping items for pupils and parents.

Lost property

It is so helpful if parents ensure that all school uniform items, including shoes, are clearly labelled with your son or daughter's name. You may be surprised at how many expensive items such as shoes are left in the changing rooms and classrooms, and it is very difficult for staff to reunite them with their owners without name labels. Our Year 7 pupils are prone to leaving bags and possessions behind in classrooms as they get used to moving around the school between lessons, and labelling everything from uniform to water bottles and pencil cases will really help staff send lost items back to the relevant form rooms. Unlabelled items are placed in the lost property cupboard and after a month are donated to charity if unclaimed.

Parent Gateway

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask parents to double check that their contact details are up-to-date on Parent Gateway. Communication with parents, either via phone or email, remains an integral part of our support for your son or daughter, but we do appreciate that contact details can change from time to time.

A reminder too that Parent Gateway allows you to easily report an unplanned absence for your son or daughter, whilst also providing key information such as lesson timetables, school notices, attendance data and Order Grades when they are published.

[Log in to Parent Gateway](#)

Parking and traffic

A reminder that there is no parking for parents or pupils on the School site during the school day, and any Sixth Form students who drive to school should park sensibly and safely on a nearby street. I would be grateful that if your son or daughter drives to school you could impress on them the importance of parking safely and legally, and to be mindful of our neighbours' driveways. Our reception staff field complaints from annoyed residents about irresponsible parking far more often than we would like, and we are keen that all students are seen as considerate members of the local community.

If parents who drive their son or daughter to school could also be mindful of our neighbours, and park safely and legally when pulling over to drop off and pick up. It can get congested around the school gates when the buses arrive and leave, so please do avoid these areas if you can.

Thank you for your help with this; it is much appreciated.

Use of mobile telephones

To clarify, students are allowed to bring their mobile phones to school, but, with the exception of Sixth formers, they should not be used at any time on the school site until the end of the school day unless given permission by and under the direct supervision of a member of staff. Some pupils appear to remain confused as to the rule, particularly in Years 7 and 8, and I would appreciate parents' support in reinforcing the message.

Year 7 Stratford residential

Year 7 forms started their Stratford residentials this week, with the first group setting off yesterday in high spirits. The trip is a great opportunity for boys to cement friendships, make new friends and get to know their teachers, and I am confident it will be a true memory making experience for all. We will endeavour to post a few photo updates on our social media channels, subject to students having the correct photographic permissions in place, but please do bear with us as staff will rightly be focused on running the many enjoyable activities planned and may not have time to take many pictures. My thanks to the staff who have worked so hard to organise and attend the trips with the boys.

Speech Night 29 September

A reminder that our annual Speech Night takes place on Friday 29 September, and that all Year 7 pupils and prize winners are expected to attend. Year 7 parents will receive an email about the arrangements and timings. I recognise that not all pupils live locally, but I would stress that the event is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school and celebrate the effort and achievement of pupils, and for our new starters to experience one of the more formal School occasions. In attending, they see the responsible way in which our Year 13 Observators behave and help at such events, get the chance to be inspired by the School Captains' speeches, and are encouraged to strive for success in all they do.

Finally

Tomorrow, the annual 11plus test will be held at school all day. As a consequence, there are more 'away' matches than usual. For those parents dropping off pupils in the morning, the 'meet time' is at 8.30am. Parents of pupils sitting the test will arrive soon after this time, so a swift departure after you have dropped your son off would be really appreciated. Additionally, parents dropping off those for an 11am departure may park briefly on the site (between 10.50am and 11.00am). However, as tests are taking place at this time, we ask that pupils and parents are silent. Clearly, any noise at this time including closing car doors etc. could affect the life chances of youngsters. However, I am making car parking available to avoid conflict with our neighbours. I am grateful for your understanding.

With best wishes for a pleasant and relaxing weekend.



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