



October 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

As the first half term draws to a close, I write to provide some updates.

Attendance

We are pleased to share that school attendance has been very positive this half term, and we would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends regularly. Good attendance is vital to academic success, as it enables students to fully engage with their learning and make the most of the opportunities available to them. We kindly remind all families to avoid booking holidays or non-urgent medical appointments during term time, as every day in school matters. Your partnership in this is greatly appreciated.

Phone pouches

This half term, we introduced phone pouches for all students and we are already seeing positive impacts both in the classroom and during social times, with students more focused on learning and engaging more meaningfully with one another. We would like to remind parents that it is essential for students to bring their phone pouch to school every day to support the smooth running of this system. Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a focused and respectful learning environment.

School dining

Our catering team has put considerable effort into providing an improved school meal service for our students. We regularly receive positive feedback from students on the quality of school dinners. Unfortunately, to allow for the increased cost of food it will be necessary to slightly increase the price of some items after half term. The cost of the main meal of the day will remain unchanged. Accordingly, we will also be increasing the maximum daily spending allowance for students from £5 to £6. Parents/carers will retain control of this, and should you wish to adjust this for yourself but not know how to do so, please contact the school using the contact form on the school website.

Accessing the school site in the morning

I would like to remind parents that students should not be accessing the school site before 8:00am each morning. Students on the school site between 8:00 and 8:30am should only be in the dining room as part of our supervised breakfast club and not in any other part of the school site. We provide a daily breakfast, free of charge, for any student that wants this.

Co-curricular

We are proud of our wide ranging co-curricular offer. This is once again in full swing and well attended by students. We are keen for all students to attend at least 10 sessions throughout the year and would be grateful for you encouraging your child to do this. Details of the clubs and sessions on offer can be found in our [Curriculum Plus](#) booklet.

Year 11 Power Hour

Our after-school revision and support programme, Power Hour, is once again in full swing. All subjects provide a one-hour support session for Year 11 students one day a week after school. Details of the offer can be found [here](#). Sessions are well attended by students, and we encourage all students to attend as many sessions as possible to support them in their most important year in education.

Finally, I would like to wish all families a relaxing half-term break. Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Your faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'D Crossley'.

David Crossley
Headteacher