



2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Further to the published March Newsletter, I am writing to let you know the end of term arrangements and something about the charity we are supporting through the non-uniform morning on the last day of term.

We are ending term this week on Friday. The sixth form will be dismissed at 12.00pm and the dismissal of the remainder of our students will be staggered between then and 12.20pm, by area of the school where the last lesson takes place.

We have responded to student requests to support a charity through a non-uniform day as this did not happen as traditionally expected on the last day of the autumn term. While students will not be in uniform, for Health and Safety reasons as well as a number of others, there are some strict parameters for what students can wear to school and how school processes will be managed, as follows:

Parameters for Students on Friday:

- **Usual School Conduct Rules apply**
- **Usual Rules regarding jewellery, make-up, hair, nails and piercings apply**
- **No shorts, ripped jeans, strappy or cleavage revealing tops and no bare midriffs**
- **No sandals, stilettos or platform shoes**

Students who are planning to take advantage of the non-uniform day should bring £1 coin to school. Sixth Formers will be collecting the donation charge from Tutor Groups each morning until the end of term. The money collected will go to the charity Plan International – Act for Girls “Because I am a girl”. Further information on the charity can be found here <https://plan-uk.org/act-for-girls>

I would like to remind you all that the summer term starts at the usual time on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April when we will be looking ahead to Commemoration Day. This is the day when the school celebrates its founding and this year it will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Information on arrangements for the day will come to families in due course. The celebrations include an annual cake baking and decorating competition, between Tutor Groups within each Year Group. An advance notice for those families who enjoy supporting the planning and design of their daughter's cake, is that the cake competition theme this year will be the 9 Protected Characteristics within the Equality Act 2010.

Of course some of our students will have Public Examinations next term. I know everyone is working hard to give of their best when the time arrives and that involves revision of learning. I sincerely hope that all those students who will be revising over the holiday period, will also take the opportunity to have some rest and relaxation which is important, to ensure balance, calm and confidence next term.

Many of our families recently celebrated Nowruz, the Iranian Persian New Year and I know many others will be celebrating Pesach, the Jewish Festival and Easter, the Christian Festival, over the holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone well with their celebrations and hope that all our families enjoy a restful break.

Yours faithfully

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