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Wednesday 6th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are keeping well. As the spring term comes to a close I would like to pay tribute to both student and staff resilience in what has been a very challenging term due to absence from Covid infections. I am proud of the fact that Scalby School has managed to provide a continuous education to all year groups during the spring term. The efforts from staff to ensure this has happened should not be underestimated. They like many of you will be ready for a well-deserved break over the Easter holiday period.

New Covid Guidelines

On Friday the DFE emailed schools to set out the next steps for living with Covid. The key points are as follows:

- Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting. Therefore, settings will no longer be able to order test kits.
- Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough.
- If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.
- Children and young people who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

End of Term Arrangements

The spring term ends on Friday 8th April at the usual time of 14:30. Students will be expected back in school at 08:20 on Monday 25th April. Just a reminder that Monday 2nd May is a bank holiday and school will be closed to students.

Year 11 GCSE Examinations

This week many students have started taking their GCSE French speaking examinations. This is the start of the GCSE examination process for our Year 11 students. The students are moving positively and with purpose towards these examinations. The first written exams begin on Monday 16th May and last until Thursday 23rd June. If you are a parent of a Year 11 student, please support them with revision for these crucial exams over the next few weeks. Maximum



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effort from students both in and out of school over the next few weeks will have a significantly positive impact on the results the students are able to achieve. We are looking forward to celebrating their time at Scalby School over the coming months at award events, the Prom and results day in August.

Social Media

A lot of issues that come into school are often started through inappropriate conversations on social media. As social media becomes an ever more increasing part of society, I would ask that you take the time to monitor your child's activity online. At various points of the curriculum, students are taught about appropriate behaviour online and how to manage social interactions. However, online conduct is hard for a school to manage when students are not in our care. I would ask that you talk regularly with your child about their online presence and ensure that the interactions they are engaging in are always in a respectful manner.

Parent Governor Appointment

I am delighted to announce that Alison Szustakowski has been appointed to Scalby School Local Governing Body as a parent governor. This follows the parent governor recruitment process that began in January. Alison brings a wealth of experience to the governing body from her work as a Locality Programme Manager for Leeds City Council. This role has involved working with multi-agencies across some of Leeds most disadvantaged communities, co-ordinating support for children and young people. Alison attended her first meeting earlier this week, we look forward to her playing an active role in school life.

Lunch Accounts - Parentpay

Please could I ask that you regularly check your Parentpay accounts to ensure that your child has appropriate funds on their dinner accounts.

Attendance

Due to COVID-19 and several bugs circulating in the community, maintaining high levels of attendance has been a challenge for a number of students this term. Please support your son / daughter as much as possible over the next term and ensure they are attending school regularly. When your son / daughter is absent please inform school by texting 07860 022949 or by email absent@sc.coastandvale.academy. Where possible make medical appointments out of school hours, if this is not possible please send a note in your son / daughters planner which they can show to a Head of Year and the office staff.



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Being the Best we can be Awards

This week I will be presenting certificates to the students who have excelled in academic achievement and have shown ambition in their learning this term. Staff members have identified these students as those that are demonstrating our values of learning and ambition every single day. If your son / daughter arrives home with an award, please take time to congratulate them and recognise their hard work. I know there will be lots of students who have just missed out on these awards, my challenge to them is to be nominated at the end of summer term.

I would like to wish you a very happy Easter break. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. C Robertson
Head of School



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