

Scalby School

Newsletter – Tuesday 11th October



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to welcome students back to school over the past few weeks following the summer break. The majority of students have made a great start to the new term. Learning environments have been focused and purposeful. I have welcomed a number of visitors to the school over the past few weeks and they have all commented on the level of engagement from students as they have visited classrooms.

As you will be aware the past couple of weeks have been overshadowed by the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We have provided several opportunities for students to commemorate and pay respects to her life as part of their curriculum. I hope your families managed to take time to observe, discuss and reflect on the traditional British values on display over the period of mourning and funeral.

It has been lovely to watch the smooth way in which our Year 7 students have settled into school over the past five weeks. We look forward to meeting those of you who are Year 7 parents at the parents evening on Thursday 20th October. Similarly, we look forward to seeing those of you who are parents of Year 11 students at the Year 11 exam preparation evening on Thursday 13th October.

Attendance

The link between success at school and high levels of attendance has never been as important as we continue to get students caught up with lost learning from the pandemic. After an excellent start to the term, over the past 10 days there has been a drop off in student attendance. Please ensure you work with your son/daughter and school to prioritise attendance at school.

The link between good attendance and high academic outcomes, that maximise student's future opportunities is clear when we analyse historical student performance at Scalby. We have fantastic teaching staff, but they cannot make a difference with your son / daughter if they are not sat in front of them.

If your son/daughter is absent, you must inform school by texting 07860 022949 or by email absent@sc.coastandvale.academy. Where possible please make medical appointments out of school hours, if this is not possible, please send a note in your son / daughters' planner that they can show to a Head of Year and their Mentor.

Open Evening – Thursday 6th October

On Thursday 6th October school opened for prospective Year 5 and Year 6 students for our annual open evening. Our students are our greatest ambassadors, the sense of pride I took from seeing the way students interacted with prospective students and parents was enormous.

Term Dates

On the school website you will now be able to access the term dates for 2022-23 and 2023-24. This should allow you to plan holidays in advance outside of term time.

October Half-Term

The autumn term 1 ends on Friday 21st October at the usual time of 14:30. Students will be expected back in school at 08:20 on Monday 31st October.



Year 11 GCSE Trial Examination

Following October half-term, Year 11 students begin their first GCSE trial exams in English, Maths & Science. These exams are designed to start to prepare students for the external GCSE examinations in May 2023. Year 11 students should be starting to think about how to prepare for these exams and engaging in exam preparation. Revision little and often now will create the right habits for students as they move quickly through Year 11.

Social Media

I wrote to you in the summer term about the number of issues that come into school as a result of interactions students have on social media. However, some students are still falling short of the expected standards in this area. At various points of the curriculum students are taught about appropriate behaviour online and how to manage social interactions. We also put in bespoke sessions where students' behaviour online has fallen short of our expected standards of respectful behaviour. Online conduct is hard for a school to manage when students are not in our care. I would ask that as parents you regularly monitor your child's online presence and ensure that the interactions they are engaging in are always in a respectful manner.

Parent Governor Appointment

We still have a vacancy for a Parent School Governor. I would love to hear from any parent interested in helping support the school by applying to be a School Governor. If you are interested, please contact t.moore@sc.coastandvale.academy and we will be able to provide you with further information about the role.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. C. Robertson

Headteacher

