



Bishop Stopford's School

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Dear families,

As we approach the end of half term, I'd like to thank you once again for your continued support.

Key Drivers

Our four key drivers this year are; literacy, metacognition (understanding how we learn), self-regulation and consistency. I will be referring to these key drivers as we move through this academic year. We are developing a robust literacy strategy, which will support our students in accessing ever more complex texts in order to develop deep knowledge of the curriculum areas. We are actively embedding in all lessons the explicit teaching of how we learn best. We are reviewing all systems and procedures to ensure consistency in all that we do. We are further embedding our 'Strive for Five' values to support our students in making the right choices and self-regulating,

Extra-curricular

Extra-curricular clubs provide students with additional learning opportunities outside the classroom and allow them to develop real life skills that will be beneficial to them on their journey into adulthood. Students learn how to think outside the box and often create strong friendships within these sessions. Our extended curriculum, after school and at lunch, is available to all students and covers a range of supplementary academic classes, as well as those that nurture the arts and develop sporting prowess. We encourage every child to attend at least one of these on a weekly basis, please refer to our website after half term for our new offer.

Mobile Phones

We understand that mobile phones and technology are now a key part of modern life. Most students own a mobile phone with access to the internet, and for safety reasons, students will carry a mobile phone to contact home after or before school. However, mobile phones can and often do lead to several problems in school, such as bullying, filming, disruption to lessons and inappropriate usage of the internet and social media leading to potential safeguarding issues. Therefore, we will be reviewing our mobile phone policy during the next half-term and will be communicating the guidelines and procedures.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Sixth Form continues to grow and our offer of subjects is more exciting than ever. If your son or daughter is in Year 11, please ensure that you make a note of our Sixth Form Open Evening taking place on **Thursday, 3rd November between 6pm and 7.30pm**. The introductory talk will commence at 6pm in the school hall. For more information about the Sixth Form Open Evening, please refer to the school's website or contact the school.

Attendance

A gentle reminder; if your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please follow our normal procedures for notifying the school of their absence. As you will be aware 100% attendance is a significant factor contributing to positive student achievement.

Arrangements for the return to school

Finally, I would like to make you aware of the return to school post the half term. All students will return to school on **Monday, 31st October, 2022 at 9.30am**, ready for registration and their period 2 lesson.

Should you have any questions on any of the items above, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

May I take this opportunity in wishing you all a very restful half term.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher

