



THE WHITSTABLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: End of Term 5 Arrangements

End of Term 5

Today we said goodbye to our Year 11 and 13 students. They have shown real resilience during a difficult time to be a young person at school and we will really miss them. I am delighted that many Year 11s will be returning to our sixth form and wish all Y11 and Y13s well for the future. They will be amazing!

Term 6

School resumes Monday 7th June. In order to avoid losing learning time, this year students will continue to follow their current timetable until the end of Term 6, rather than having 'roll over' and starting their new academic year timetable in July.

We will however be making a series of changes to rooms over the next few weeks and allowing pupils to return to specialist teaching spaces (for example in art, drama, music and dance).

During Term 6 our new cohort of Year 7 pupils will join us for 3 days from their primary schools.

Lost property

We have a significant amount of lost property. If you are missing any items, please ask your child to check in their hub. Next term we will arrange dates where parents can pop in to look through the lost property. Anything unclaimed by the end of Term 6 will be kept in school for spare or passed on to the local school uniform charity Whitstable Community Wardrobe.

Lateness and Equipment

Pupils should be on site at the very latest by 8.35am. Any pupil arriving after this time will be marked as late. Please remember that our equipment shop is open every morning from 8:30am in the restaurant with items priced at 20p. Pupils who arrive to lessons without their equipment will receive a sanction.

School Website

The school [website](#) has been given a new look. On the website you will find useful information such as term dates, policies, subject information and key contact details.

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a parent governor, please see the attached advert with details of the role and how to apply.

Covid-19

With the rise in the new strain of Covid-19 please remain vigilant and continue with regular lateral flow testing. Should your child test positive you should keep them home, inform the school and arrange for a full PCR test.



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School Reviews

This term we have had three school reviews during which we were joined by colleagues from schools across Swale Academies Trust. Feedback on our safeguarding, Special Educational Needs and Teaching and Learning has been really positive. The school is regarded as having excellent practice in these areas and Headteachers' from other schools are visiting to look at our pedagogy and teaching approaches. We are really proud of our teachers and pupils.

Parents' Evenings


Next term will be a busy one for parents' evenings. Feedback from Year 11 parents was that they enjoyed the convenience of the new online system and felt the event ran really smoothly. Letters with details of each year group's parents' evening will be sent to parents 2 weeks prior. If you need further information or support around booking please contact our admin team on twsw_admin@swale.at

Enjoy the half term break.

Yours faithfully



Mrs AM Gibson
Headteacher



Mr S Scales
Deputy Headteacher