

31 March 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

End of term letter - Easter 2023

Students first: raising standards and transforming lives

I write with my thanks and appreciation for all that you do to support your children as they continue to work hard in all aspects of school life. Our students have continued to strive to achieve in the classroom, studio, workshop and on the sports field. I would also like to offer my thanks and gratitude to our staff team, who put our students first every day, and so provide our young people with opportunities to learn and thrive.

We look forward to welcoming all students **back to school on Monday 17 April, arriving before 8.20am** for a prompt start in tutor rooms.

Attendance

The direct link between excellent attendance and students' achievement in school means that every day in school counts. It is pleasing to note the improving attendance of students in all year groups, no doubt helped as we move from the period of seasonal illnesses in winter into spring and summer. The number of students whose attendance is of concern has also reduced significantly thanks to the positive partnerships between school and home.

Uniform

Wearing a smart uniform demonstrates purpose and professionalism, and also shows a commitment to the community, as with many sporting and public service organisations. It is pleasing that our students wear their uniform with pride. Our revised uniform policy makes it more affordable for families, but please do make contact if you would benefit from support through our hardship fund. Please could I ask for your support in ensuring that your child is properly dressed every day, with a particular focus on school ties and correct footwear, as sanctions will be issued to ensure our standards are met.

Equipment

An important aspect of secondary education is a growing responsibility for being correctly equipped for learning and, in time, the workplace. Students are expected to bring a bag and their planner, plus writing equipment, to school every day. Student timetables and passes will be reissued on Monday 17 April, and stuck into planners. A replacement planner will be available for students if needed. Students must have a note in their planner, with a newly issued pass where appropriate, to leave lessons during the school day. This is an important aspect of our safeguarding system with which I appreciate your support.

Enrichment

I am grateful to my colleagues for the enrichment activities that they offer to our students after school each day. Further details of the sessions available to students can be found on our [enrichment website](#). Some students are also required to attend detention at the end of the school day. It is essential that any students not attending enrichment activities, or required to be in detention, leave the school site promptly. If staying in school for enrichment or detention, students must then leave promptly at the end of the session. Please could I ask that you reinforce this message with your children, for their safety,

Year 11

I am very proud of the determination being shown by our year 11 students in the final weeks of revision before they sit their GCSE examinations. The parents and carers of students in year 11 will have received details of the Easter revision activities that their children should attend over the next two weeks. Our teachers provide these revision sessions to supplement the revision that students are completing at home. Continuing to revise for exams, alongside some timely rest, is important during the Easter break.

Parents' Evenings - Years 8 & 9

We look forward to welcoming the parents and carers of students in years 8 and 9 to our parents' evening on Tuesday 25 April 2023, from 5pm. Further details will be shared at the start of the new term.

Thank you again for your support and commitment to the Normanby community. I wish you and your family a safe and restful holiday and we look forward to welcoming our students back to school before 8.20am on Monday 17 April 2023.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Robinson', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mark Robinson

Principal