

Our Ref: SHN/ADL/Headteacher end of term letter/July 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the end of term, I wanted to write to you with some reminders about arrangements for the end of this term and the start of next term.

Final Day of the School Year – Friday 20 July 2018

As in previous years, the final day for students (Friday 20 July) finishes early. Years 10 and 8 will be dismissed at 11:50am followed by Years 7 and 9 at 11:55am. All students will need to be off site by 12:00 noon.

GCSE Results Day – Thursday 23 August 2018

Year 11 parents will already be aware of the arrangements for this. Results will be available for students to collect at school from 10:00am.

First Day of Term – Tuesday 4 September 2018

All students return to school on Tuesday 4 September 2018 and will need to be in school by 08:40am. Year 7 students should meet on the tennis courts where the Year 7 team will be waiting to welcome them.

INSET Days 2018/19

The following days are set aside for staff training in the forthcoming academic year, and so the school will be closed to students on these dates:

Monday 3 September 2018
Friday 28 September 2018
Friday 25 January 2019
Tuesday 23 April 2019
Monday 17 June 2019

Further key dates will be posted in the calendar area of the school website over the summer break.

Uniform

You will be aware from my recent communication that there will be some changes to our uniform from September 2018. Details can be found on the school website:

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/94d489_25c4d76574d04b4aad7fd7579abdb93b.pdf

In addition, I am pleased to announce that following a very successful trial this term, we will be making shorts a permanent feature of the school uniform and will be amending the uniform guidelines to reflect this for September 2018. Please remember that, to ensure parents have time to purchase new items, there will be a transition year so that students can continue to wear grey trousers/skirts until September 2019. Do please read the uniform details carefully to avoid any items of uniform being bought in error or inappropriate hairstyles for September. Please pay particular attention to the rules around skirt length and style as this has been an area where recently we have had to address a number of concerns. Students may be sent home to change or be placed in Inclusion if their uniform

or be placed in Inclusion if their uniform is not correct. Please ensure that any new purchases are in line with our rules, as this will create a positive start to the school year.

Staff Farewells

As is always the case in a large and successful school, we have a range of staff moving on at the end of this academic year, in most cases to promoted positions.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Addyman (Maths), Mrs Ambler (Music), Mr Ashworth (Geography), Mrs Crook (Computing), Miss Farmer (PE), Mr Francis (Technology), Mr Hammond (Percussion), Mr Holt (Learning Support), Miss Jevons (PE and Cover), Mr Playford (PE), Mr Solly (Learning Support), Miss Smith (Learning Support) and Miss Wood (English and Head of Year). Mrs Farrand (Science) will also be commencing her maternity leave at the end of this term and we look forward to hearing about her new arrival early next term.

I am sure you will want to join me in thanking them for their contribution to Crofton students, in some cases over many years, and wish them the very best for the future. You will be pleased to hear that once again, despite the current national difficulties in recruiting staff to work in schools, we have secured the necessary replacements in these areas. I will be using the first 'Crofton Crier' of the new term to introduce them to you.

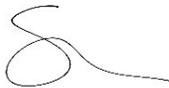
Chair of Governors

Mr Colin Thorpe's term of office as Chair of Governors has now come to an end, and he will be moving to the role of Vice Chair. I am very grateful for the time he has given to the role and his support for both myself and the school. He has done invaluable work in helping to steer the strategic direction of the school, and I would like to thank him for everything he has done to help move the school forward in his time as Chair. I am delighted to inform you that he will be replaced by Mr Andrew Greenfield. Andrew has had a long association with the school as a parent and governor and I am very much looking forward to working with him. He will be in touch with parents in due course to introduce himself formally to you as Chair of Governors.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support over the past year which, as always, has been a busy year. The highlights for me have included the completion of our building work which I hope you will agree looks fantastic; a very successful Ofsted visit and the many events and opportunities that our students have got involved in, and that parents and staff have so generously supported. We are increasingly looking for opportunities to work in partnership with parents. This is having a huge impact on the school as we aim to become exceptional, so we will be looking to extend this further next term and look forward to the results.

I do hope you have an enjoyable summer and look forward to continuing our work together in September.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Harrison
Headteacher