

July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this last newsletter of the academic year finds you and your families well. Hopefully, you will get to enjoy some of the local area and possibly further afield if you have holidays booked during the summer holidays.

End of Term Arrangements

The summer term ends on Friday 21st July at the earlier time of 12:15. Students will be expected back in school at 08:20 on Tuesday 5th September. Just a reminder that Monday 4th September is a teacher training day and school will be closed to students.

Non-Uniform Day

Friday will be a non-uniform day and students are asked to donate a £1, with all proceeds going to the local community Wave project. Students have been asked to ensure they arrive in school in suitable clothing.

Water Safety

Please could I ask that you talk to your sons / daughters about the dangers of swimming in Scarborough harbour, jumping from the piers and the sea wall near the Sealife centre. At this time of year there is always a rise in this activity amongst young people in the local area. The water levels are very low at times and the tides change quickly. In the warm weather people should only be swimming between the red and yellow flags where the lifeguards patrol, this is the safest place. Please encourage your sons / daughters to act responsibly around the sea.

Preloved Uniform Shop

As families around the country continue to struggle with the cost of living issues, we wanted to try and support families with the cost of uniform. We have established a pre-loved uniform shop in school. At the end of this letter there are further details of the scheme including contact details.

Water Bottles

From September, I have asked the canteen to stop selling bottles of water to students in order to cut down the amount of plastic that is being disposed of by the school. Students will be able to access a cup of tap water if they require one at lunchtime. I would ask that if students want to drink water during the day, they bring a refillable water bottle to school with them, similar to the expectations at primary school. There are two water fountains that students will be able to access as well. Students will still be able to buy cartons of drinks.

School Shoes

If you are buying new school shoes for September, please ensure that students arrive in school in plain black polishable shoes. Examples of suitable shoes are available on our school website in the uniform section.





Lunch Accounts - Parentpay

Please could I ask that you check your Parentpay accounts to ensure that any balances are settled before the new academic year begins.

Attendance

Please could I ask that you prioritise student attendance in 2023/24 and you contact us about any barriers there may be to your son/daughter attending school regularly. If your son/daughter is absent, please inform school by texting 07860 022949 or by email absent@sc.coastandvale.academy. Where possible make medical appointments out of school hours, if this is not possible, please send a note in your son / daughter so they can show it to a Head of Year and the office staff.

Uniform and Standards

I would ask that over the summer you take time to look at the school's uniform expectations and behaviour policy on the website. It is vital parents and students continue to work with the school and support us to ensure that we are allowed to enforce these properly to ensure that Scalby remains a safe environment for both staff and students. Often parents can become frustrated when they do not fully understand or agree with the school's unform expectations and behaviour policy. I would stress that clear, consistent rules and routines continue to provide a safe environment for our young people, and we will continue to challenge students when they fall below our high expectations.

Being the Best we can be Awards

On Friday I will present certificates to the students who have excelled in Academic Achievement and Effort in their learning this term. If your son / daughter arrives home with an award, please take time to congratulate them and recognise their hard work. These students will also have received a golden ticket which they can enter into the draw in September.

My Child at School App

In an attempt to improve communication with home, we will launch My Child at School app with both students and parents. This links directly to our school database. The students will be able to track a variety of live information using the app such as behaviour logs, timetable information, ATL reports and homework. Students will be able to use their phone or home device to access this app either on the way to school or at home.

As parents, you will also be able to access similar information, this will hopefully give you a better insight into your child's time spent at school. As well as this we will be able to communicate more regularly with you in terms of newsletters and events. I would urge you to read the information that has been sent home this week and ensure you and your son / daughter have signed up to the app.





I would like to wish you a very happy summer break. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Robertson Headteacher







