



**Newsletter**

**March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**2023**

Dear parents/carers,

Once again, the Whitchurch community has come together to help those in adversity. So far, the appeal to raise funds for earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey has reached over £3,000 with further fundraising activities to come. Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity.

### **GCSE / AS / A level exam study leave/ exam timetables**

**Year 11:** Study leave for Year 11 learners will commence on Monday 15th May. Learners will not need to attend lessons but must attend all scheduled exams in full school uniform. Once a student's exams have been completed there is no requirement for them to attend school.

**Year 12:** Study leave for Year 12 learners will commence on Monday 15th May. Learners will not need to attend lessons but must attend all scheduled exams. Year 13 A2 studies will resume on Monday 5th June. All learners must attend all scheduled lessons and wellbeing sessions for the remainder of the summer term.

**Year 13:** Study leave for Year 13 learners will commence on Monday 5th June. Learners will not need to attend lessons but must attend all scheduled exams. Once a student's exams have been completed there is no requirement for them to attend school.

Exam timetables will be distributed shortly. Learners and parents/carers are asked to check these carefully for the correct tier of entry for each subject and to see if there are any clashes. Queries over exam timetables should be directed to the Examinations Office.

### **INSET Days**

The INSET day scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup> will now take place on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

There is also an INSET day scheduled on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Form Announcement**

All 6<sup>th</sup> form learners **must** wear an item which clearly identifies them as being a member of Whitchurch High School when on the school site. This could be either:

- A lanyard with WHS ID
- A WHS branded casual clothing item such as a sweatshirt
- WHS branded sportswear
- A combination of any of the above

We will continue to adopt an insistent line on this and may instigate sanctions to learners who insist on ignoring this very reasonable directive. I would be most grateful for your support as it is an important element of our safeguarding processes.

### Year 9 Options and Guidance Process

Our one- to -one interviews with Year 9 learners went well over the past couple of weeks. Learners came well prepared, with the majority having carried out clear research to support with their option choice decisions. We were extremely impressed with all learners and the way that they conducted themselves. The deadline for option choices to be submitted at [www.sims-options.co.uk](http://www.sims-options.co.uk) is Friday 10th March.

### Year 12 and 13

Interim reports have recently been issued to all parents via the SIMs app.

### Year 10

Information regarding assessments and exam preparation has been sent to year 10 parents this week.

### Other

- Please be reminded that all phone calls into and out of the school via the main switchboard are recorded for monitoring and safeguarding purposes.
- We would be grateful if you could regularly check your personal information for your child in the SIMS Parent App and make any changes necessary.
- Please be reminded that the school will be closed to pupils on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> due to planned industrial action by the NEU.

Have a lovely weekend,



Mark Powell