



Newsletter

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2023

Dear parents/carers,

I am delighted to be able to announce that the Governing Body of the school has this week appointed Mr Nick John as my successor as Headteacher. Mr John has worked in Whitchurch High School for many years as Geography teacher, Head of Department, Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher. This appointment is recognition of his excellent leadership skills and of his years of dedicated service to the school, to generations of young people and to the wider community. I have every confidence that the school will flourish under his future leadership. Congratulations and best wishes to Mr John.

The evening of March 22nd signified the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan in which our Muslim families will be fasting between dawn and sunset. It will end on April 20th. Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam and allows families to devote themselves to their faith and come closer to Allah through spiritual reflection. Ramadan Mubarak to all our Muslim families.

As part of our Syria-Turkey Earthquake appeal, the sixth form team are organising two days of events next week; Wednesday in Lower school and Thursday in Upper School. Lunchtime activities will include a Bake Sale and 'Sponge a Teacher'. There will also be ribbons and bracelets to buy along with raffle tickets. We are very grateful to local businesses who have donated raffle prizes, which include £25 Villagio voucher, Buzz goodies and vouchers, and a Mountain Ranch family ticket. Raffle tickets and activities will cost £1 each, so if you would like your child to take part please allow them to bring some cash on the day. Thank you for your support.

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 before the Easter holidays. 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.

6th Form Announcement

All 6th 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 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.

Learner Support and Feedback

All Year 11 pupils have been provided with their own copy of the CGP guide “How to Revise for GCSE: Study Skills and Revision Planner.” This also includes a free online edition should pupils choose access this digitally. If your child/children have not received a copy then please direct them to the Year 11 Progress Team in Ty Seren.

Interim reports have recently been issued to all parents in Years 7, 8 and 9 via the SIMs app and Year 11 interim reports will be issued next 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.

Have a lovely weekend,



Mark Powell