



19th November 2021

Dear parents/carers,

We very much appreciate your considerations in ensuring your child gets to school on time, in uniform. We have seen a huge improvement and will be continuing with this firm but fair stance.

Having had conversations with parents/carers whose children are not in uniform, or are persistently late, we appreciate your support, but must stress that there is a necessity for our students to conform to these simple rules.

The volume of traffic entering the bus park at the beginning and end of the day has eased slightly and we hope you agree that it is clearing earlier and quicker. May we remind parents/carers that it would be preferable if your child is able to walk to and from school. The staff are very grateful to you for your support in our drive to improve drop-off/pick-up times and thereby ensure a safe and calm environment for our students.

Communication

Communication between home and school is vital. Our sincere apologies if you have experienced difficulties in trying to contact school. Please rest assured that we are actively addressing our lines of communication.

Year 9 Students

Our Year 9 students will soon be making their GCSE choices. We will be ensuring students are aware of the process and the options available to them. However, the decisions of which subjects to choose is one that needs to be made with you as parents/carers along with advice from staff.

To this end, we will be holding our Year 9 Parents Evening, in person, on Thursday 9th December and will combine this with our GCSE Options Evening. Please keep this date free and more details will be sent separately. The students will have until January 2022 to make their choices.

Year 11 Students

Our Year 11 students will be undertaking mock GCSEs in December. Further information will be sent regarding these, which will include guidance about any SEND arrangements. We appreciate that not all parents/carers were able to attend the 'GCSE Preparing for Exams' support evening which took place last Thursday, so we will be sharing with you some of the materials from the evening to review at your own convenience. Details on how to access these will be sent separately.

We are pleased to see the mature attitude of the majority of our Year 11s who, having not had a full year in school since Year 8 due to the pandemic, are realising how quickly their mocks and soon after their GCSEs will come around. We have many attending our revision classes, which is excellent.

Dates for your diary this term.

More details on the following individual events will follow in due course.

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Excellence through Partnership

Tuesday 23rd November – Year 9 trip to see ‘*A Christmas Carol*’

Friday 26th November - Students in Years 9 to 13 will have the opportunity to listen to an online survivor testimonial session with a Holocaust survivor, in collaboration with the Holocaust Educational Trust.

(letters have already been sent regarding this)

Wednesday 1st December - Year 11 mock GCSEs begin

Wednesday 8th December – Visit of Dr Bike, a bicycle maintenance team

Thursday 9th December – Year 9 Parents and GCSE Options Evening

Friday 10th and Saturday 11th December – The Castle Rock School Pantomime performed by our students

Monday 13th December – Sixth Form Autumn term celebration evening

Tuesday 14th December – Christmas by Candlelight performance, 7.15pm

Friday 17th December – Last day of term

Once again, we would like to thank you all for your continued support.

With our very best wishes to you all

The Castle Rock School Senior Leadership Team