



26 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well, thank you to all for your ongoing support both of students in their approach to learning and also of our wider work, it is appreciated.

Careers Advice and Guidance Celebrated

The impressive breadth of support for students available in College has been evident this fortnight with support for College or Apprenticeship transition, Sixth Form interviews in full flow, Year 8 option talks in PHSE and visits and visitors representing a wide range of career options. We are determined that despite our rural location, our students should have access to the most ambitious destinations for their interests and all the support they need to get there. All Year 11 should have had a one-to-one targeted support interview with Ms Kite by Easter. Even more reason to be making the most of every second in College and enjoying the wealth of support available.

Use of Mobile Phones in College

Parent may be aware that the advice from government via the DfE guidance is that [mobile phones should be banned in schools](#). However, because of our rural setting and students' safety while travelling, the College operates a pragmatic approach which allows them to be carried but should not be seen or used in College between 8:35-15:05. This is an agreement signed on transition in the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). However, we should remind that, in line with that policy, any inappropriate use including communications external to college that do not go through a member of staff present safeguarding concerns and will be followed up. Persistent use could lead to the withdrawal of the privilege.

Response to Recent Intruders

Thank you for the large number of parents who contacted the College to communicate their support and gratitude for the way in which the College managed the intruders last week. There has been huge praise from all quarters, including ESCC, Police and DfE for the way this was managed, successfully keeping student safety paramount at all times. I can assure parents that the matter is actively being pursued both by the Police and separately by the College through ESCC Legal Services. We will not compromise on student safety and we have widespread support to that end.



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Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

We have been sent a document from NHS England regarding the importance of the uptake of the HPV vaccination. Please read this information in addition to the consent form and FAQs that were sent to you earlier this week. These documents can also be viewed on our website [Parents/Letters & Information](#). Vaccinations are taking place on the 1 March 2024 at the College.

ESCC Communication on Vaping

We have been asked to forward a letter from the Director of Children Services and Public Health regarding the facts and dangers of vaping. This can also be found on our website [Parents/Letters & Information](#). We would further remind students and families that College is a no-vaping or smoking site and any infringement of this be sanctioned in line with our behaviour for learning policy. Additional steps are frequently reviewed in order to address the concealing and use of vapes, including on school transport. We are grateful to our colleagues from the bus companies for their continued support in this matter.

Parent Governor Vacancy

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor please take a look at the recruitment pack and complete an application form before sending it to Verity Clark, Clerk to Governors, at vclark@heathfieldcc.co.uk by Monday 19 February 2024. These documents can be found on our website

<https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/governors/apply>

If you would like any more information about being a governor then you can also contact Richard Karn, Chair of Governors. rkarn@heathfieldcc.co.uk.

I wish you an enjoyable weekend. Thank you once again for your continued support and engagement, it is appreciated.

Yours sincerely



MS C BARLOW
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
w/b 29 January	Year 8 Harry Potter Studio Trip (please see letter showing which day your child is attending) - Parents/Letters & Information
Thursday 1 February	A Level Spanish: La Casa de Bernarda Alba Theatre Trip, London Yr 9, 10 & 11 Latin trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace Year 13 Trip: Othello, The Globe, London
Friday 2 February	SOHCC Pre-Loved Uniform Sale (3.30 - 4.30pm)
w/b 5 February	Supercurricular Fortnight
Tuesday 6 February	Author & Illustrator visit to Year 7 (Julian Sedgwick and Chie Kutsuwada)
Wednesday 7 February	Brighton University STEAM Workshop - Digital Genius Students & Eco Reps Open Morning - Booking is essential. Please see website for details
Thursday 8 February	Year 8 Virtual Subject Feedback Evening
Thursday 8 February to Thursday 15 February	Main School Ski Trip