

9th July 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now rapidly approaching the end of another unusual and often challenging year. The children have been remarkable throughout, their compliance with our Covid rules has been fantastic. I hope that in September 2021 we will be able to open up even more and return to a normal way of working.

End of Term

School will finish for the summer at **12.30pm on Friday 23rd July**. Any students who qualify for a free school meal will be provided with a packed lunch on that day. We will be contacting the parents of those students and asking if they want a packed lunch for their child, to avoid any waste.

Start of New School Year

At this moment the start of the new academic year has still not been confirmed. It is planned that all students would return on Monday 6th September 2021. However, we have been informed by the Department for Education that we will be required to set up testing stations and complete two lateral flow tests in school (with a three day gap between tests) for students before they can return in September. This could result in a staggered return to school and a slight delay in returning for some year groups. I hope to be able to confirm exactly what will happen before the end of this term.

Geography Field Trips

All the Year 10 Geography students will get to experience Geography field work between the 13th and 16th July. We will keep our fingers crossed for good weather!

Year 10 Army Careers Day

This will take place on Thursday 22nd July and should be a fun and informative day for all the students taking part.

Duke of Edinburgh Award - Postponed

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the DoE expedition training planned for the last week of term. Mr Salmon, who runs the DoE, has been badly injured in a cycling accident and has had to spend several days in hospital. We will rearrange for the autumn term. We all wish Mr Salmon a speedy recovery.

Sports Day Competitions

These have been running in lesson times for individual athletic events this week and will continue next week with the team events. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of individual and team events.

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Dorset Library E-Membership

All students have been issued with E-membership cards which enable them to borrow digital books, magazines and comics as well as audio books, all completely free of charge. It's a great way of accessing something to read while they are out of school. If they have any questions they can email library@weyvalley-academy.co.uk

Building and Site Improvements

The work on replacing the school roof has started and I would ask that parents avoid dropping students off in the small south car park as space is now limited and we do not want any accidents. Please take the utmost care when driving through the site.

End of Year Reports

The students have recently completed their end of year assessments in all subjects and the end of year reports will be sent out in the final week of this term.

School Uniform for September

Thank you to those parents and carers who have ensured that the majority of the students are correctly dressed in school uniform and correct PE kit, it is much appreciated. There are a few students who are not wearing the correct uniform and we will be dealing with each one individually.

In September we will expect the correct school uniform and school PE kit to be worn, piercings will be limited to one stud in each ear, hair will need to be a natural colour and extreme styles will not be allowed. Students will be checked on arrival and if not in uniform they will be sent home to change. I am providing you with plenty of notice of this intention and look forward to your continued support.

You can find the school uniform details on the school website.

Key Dates – Reminders

Friday 23rd July School finishes for summer holiday at 12:30
Monday 6th Sept Provisional - Start of Autumn term

Yours faithfully



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