



To All Parents and Carers

16 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Thursday 16th February marked the 100th school day of this academic year since we welcomed Year 7 to St Anne's back in September. As well as celebrating the hard work of students who achieved 100% attendance by attending school every day for the first 100 days, we have been recognising those students who have demonstrated significant improvements by attending school more regularly than they have done previously.

Attendance remains one of our key priorities and all students must attend school every day in order for them to achieve their best. We ask that parents and carers discuss attendance regularly at home, and with school, and that you work with us as we celebrate positive attendance and support where extra help is needed to overcome any barriers to attending school regularly. Working together means each student can maximise their potential.

Punctuality

Punctuality is also important and we would like to remind parents and carers that the formal start of the school day is 08.30. We expect that students arrive on site no later than 08.25 to ensure they can have a positive experience each morning without any worry about being late or rushing. Students are recorded as late if they arrive after 08.30 and we continue to operate a policy of break time and after school detentions to help students reflect and overcome any punctuality issues.

EduLink One

We continue to receive positive feedback from parents and carers regarding EduLink One, our new student information portal and communication system that was introduced back in September.

EduLink allows you to access your child's timetable, monitor attendance, message school and so much more including accessing useful information, advice and guidance on the virtual noticeboard. If you have not yet created your free account, please do so as soon as possible so you don't miss out on important messages and communications. Please refer to the emails we have been sending weekly with instructions on how you can access your account and please do contact school if you need further support with this.

Industrial Action

A reminder that the National Education Union (NEU) has informed the schools within the Cranmer Education Trust that their teaching members will be taking industrial action on Tuesday 28th February 2023. School will be closed to students on this date. The only exceptions will be vulnerable students and we will contact you directly if your child is part of this cohort. These students will be expected to attend school, as normal and in full uniform.

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In terms of remote education, we will seek to provide as much online learning as we can. Unfortunately, we will not know until the day which lessons will be affected by strike action. Students should log on for each lesson. Where the teacher is not available, they should continue with revision, catching up any work missed, homework, or read, as reading is fundamental to all learning.

Unless the situation changes significantly, it is likely that school will also need to close to students on the other remaining strike days as well: Wednesday 15th March 2023 and Thursday 16th March 2023. Further information can be found in the letter from the Trust CEO which was sent via EduLink on 26 January 2023 and is displayed on the website.

Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations Timetable Adjustments

As you are aware, Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations start on the first Monday back after half term on 27 February. Due to the abovementioned industrial action dates, we have made slight changes to the examination timetable, to avoid impacting Year 11. Please visit the EduLink noticeboard for the amended examination schedule which has already been shared with students.

INSET day

Please note that, in line with the calendar published on the website, school will be closed to all students for a teacher training day on Friday 17th March 2023. To be clear, this training day was planned in advance of the start of the school year and prior to the announcement of industrial action in January 2023. The training day is essential as it relates to the marking and moderation of Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a pleasant half term break and we look forward to seeing all our students safely back in school at 08:25 on Monday 27 February 2023.

Yours sincerely,



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