



ASH MANOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we head into the half term break, I would like to take the chance to congratulate the vast majority of our young people who are working hard and making excellent progress. I visit classrooms every day and I am so very proud of the excellence I see displayed by staff and students. This excellence has extended to the approach Year 11 are displaying towards their first set of Pre-public exams; I am really impressed by their maturity and commitment.

It is therefore no surprise that almost 70% of our students have a perfect disciplinary record this half term and over 35,000 praise points have been issued – the vast majority of our students are excelling every day here in Ash Manor School and student behaviour is overwhelmingly positive.

I would like to thank all of our students who volunteered to help at the Open Evening and to thank you as parents for your support in getting them to and from school at different times. We welcomed almost 300 families on that evening and the overwhelming message was that our students were fantastic. It was my pleasure throughout the evening to agree with that statement several times.

We have had a very busy half term with visits to the London Aquarium, Kew Gardens and the GCSE Geography residential. We had a very successful Eco Fair organised by the students in the Eco Club – a huge undertaking and perfectly executed by them. We had our first Personal Development Day of the year, a two day GCSE cycling course and a fantastic Open Mic event in the theatre as well as a huge range of extra curricular clubs and sporting fixtures. Our CCF have been incredibly busy with weekly sessions sailing on Hawley Lake, providing support for the Army football games, a weekend at Pirbright and preparing for the Remembrance Parade in Ash. The CCF also have a new mast in the rear playground and we are grateful to the Parachute Regiment and the MacAvoy Group who jointly funded this. I am very grateful to the teachers and support staff here in AMS who support the many activities on offer and I am really pleased that our students are taking part in so many different things.

We recently offered a parental workshop on dealing with anxiety in teenagers. The feedback was so positive that we will be offering the session again on an evening and we will get that date to you as soon as it is confirmed.

We have had a host of positive comments about the changes to the behaviour system in school. The most notable difference is that almost every student in the school has their own equipment every lesson. We estimate that many lessons are gaining 10 minutes of instruction time when the teacher would previously have been issuing equipment or collecting it in. This is making a real difference to the lessons and will further support excellent progress. A few parents have said that their children are anxious about receiving a detention for lack of equipment and to lessen this, I suggest that you as parents help them in packing their bag the evening before school. To support you in doing this, the required equipment list is at the end of this letter for your reference.

Wonde vouchers will be sent out electronically today to any family who qualify for free school meals to cover the half term period; please let us know if you qualify for these and they have not arrived in your email inbox.

I would like to request that, as parents, you contact the relevant person for an appointment rather than arriving at the school unannounced and expecting to have an immediate meeting. All members of the House Team and the Senior Leadership Team in Ash Manor School have a teaching timetable

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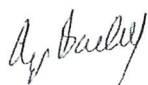
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in addition to the meetings that they will schedule. They are unlikely to be immediately available to you and contacting us ahead of your visit will allow a date and time to be scheduled.

Thank you for your support over the last half term and I hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Yours sincerely



Ms Bailey
Headteacher

Equipment

Students must come to school prepared and ready to learn.

Possession of the following items is required and essential:

- school bag
- scientific calculator
- knowledge organiser (provided by the school)
- black pen
- green pen
- pencil
- ruler
- glue stick
- reading book (Years 7, 8, 9)
- exercise books - check Satchel One for tomorrow's timetable
- homework for each subject - check Satchel One for the homework set
- water bottle
- PE, dance or drama kit if required

The following items are required when directed by the teacher:

- protractor
- a pair of compasses