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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this update finds you well.

Behaviour: Student of the Fortnight

Today selected students across all departments will be receiving their 'Student of the Fortnight' award from their subject teachers. This recognition and celebration strategy was trialled last term by core subjects but has now been adopted whole school. Each subject teacher selects one student each fortnight per class for recognition of their fantastic attitude to learning: students receive a certificate and a sweet treat. Well done to those students, many of whom have been really proud to share their certificate with myself and staff as we see them around school.

Curriculum Development: September 2024

- From September our Personal Development academic curriculum will now be delivered through a timetabled lesson each week rather than the extended tutor session we currently have in place to reflect the importance of this key area of our provision. More information will be shared with parents about this development.
- For one year only Year 11 will cover the Personal Development curriculum during form time and through specific focus days. Details will be shared with parents.
- From September students in KS3 will now be additionally set in Year 7 and Year 8 for English: students are already set for Maths and so this brings about consistency in our approach and supports learning. Students in Year 9 are already ability set for Maths, English, Science and MFL; this will continue into next year. In KS4 students in Years 10 and 11 are set in all curriculum areas apart from the 'options subjects'.

School Day Timings: September 2024

Please be aware that from September we will no longer have differentiated timings on a Wednesday as extended tutor time is no longer required given Personal Development lessons will now form part of the timetable. Therefore, the school day timings will be set for Monday-Friday as follows:

Period	Start	End
Form time	8.45am	9.15am
1	9.15am	10.15am
Break	10.15am	10.35am
2	10.35am	11.35am
3	11.35am	12.30pm
Lunch	12.30pm	1.20pm
4	1.20pm	2.15pm
5	2.15pm	3.15pm

Kind regards

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Headteacher