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Dear Parent / Carer,

Changes to Normal Finishing Times and End of Term Arrangements

I am writing to you to advise you of some upcoming changes to our normal finishing times. Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Early Finish to the Day on Thursday 1st December 2022

On Thursday 1st December, school will finish at 1.05pm. Students in Years 7 to 9 and 13 will have their normal lunch, however, students in Years 10 to 12 may avail themselves of school lunch at 1.05pm if they so wish. A packed lunch can be provided for those in receipt of free school meals. The school is moving to a new cloud-based IT infrastructure and will be using that afternoon to update and upgrade all curriculum materials in readiness for the January transfer. Our aim is to eventually put in place a world class virtual learning environment where students can easily access up to date learning materials outside of school time.

Early Finish to the Day on Friday 9th December 2022

On Friday 9th December, we had originally calendared a training day. However, this will now be an early finish day **not a full INSET Day**. School will finish at 11.45am for all year groups. Students may avail themselves of school lunch at 11.45am. A packed lunch can be provided for those in receipt of free school meals. The school will be using that afternoon to mark and moderate Year 11 assessments so that informed and personalised intervention strategies can be put in place to support each Year 11 student in the run up to their GCSEs in the summer of 2023.

End of school arrangements for end of term - Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December 2022

Please see below the arrangements for the end of term. The students will be dismissed from school for the Christmas break on different days and times. Please note the timings below:

- **Thursday 15th December 2022:** Years 10 – 13 to be dismissed at the end of the school day, at 3:05pm. Students in these Year Groups can also wear their Christmas Jumpers.
- **Friday 16th December 2022:** Years 7 - 9 will arrive to school as normal, by 8:30am, and go straight to registration. There will be Celebration Assemblies, House Quizzes and Form Parties throughout the morning. Students in these Year Groups may wear their Christmas Jumpers. The students will be dismissed approximately at the following times:
 - Year 7 at 11:45am
 - Year 8 at 11:30am
 - Year 9 at 11:15am

Students will return to school as normal on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at 10:10, on Week B.**



As we approach the Winter break, please can you ensure that your child attends school with a warm.

Thanks again for your support and wishing you all a very restful Christmas break and best wishes for the New Year.

Yours faithfully,



Gerry Wadwa
Headteacher

Key Dates for Your Diary 2023	
Date	Event
Tuesday 3 rd January 2023 at 10.10 am Week B	Spring Term Starts
Monday 9 th January 2023 until Friday 13 th January 2023	Y13 Mock Exams
Wednesday 18 th January 2023	Year 9 Subject Evening
Wednesday 1 st February 2023	Year 11 Subject Evening
Monday 13th February 2023 until Friday 17th February 2023	February Half Term
Monday 20 th February 2023 Week B	School starts
Wednesday 22 nd February 2023	Year 12 Subject Evening
Wednesday 8 th March 2023	Year 13 Subject Evening
Wednesday 22 nd March 2023	Year 8 Transitions & Subject Evening
Monday 3rd April 2023 until Friday 14th April 2023	Easter Holidays
Monday 17 th April 2023	Summer Term Begins (Week B)
Monday 1st May 2023	Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May 2023	Bank Holiday
Monday 29 th May 2023 until Friday 2 nd June 2023	May Half Term
Monday 5 th June 2023	School Starts Week B

Wednesday 7 th June 2023	Year 7 Subject Evening
Monday 26 th June 2023 until Friday 30 th June 2023	Curriculum Week Year 12 Work Experience
Friday 30 th June 2023	Y6 Induction Day/On-line Learning
Wednesday 10 th July 2023	Year 10 Subject Evening
Wednesday 19 th July 2023 and Thursday 20 th July 2023	Sports and Cultural Day