



Striving for Excellence

Cirencester Kingshill School

Head: Christine S. Oates

24th June 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

It is hard to believe there are only 4 weeks left of this term before the Summer holidays start, it certainly feels as though this term is flying by.

YEAR 11 EXAMINATIONS

Our Year 11 cohort completed their final examinations this week. We have been hugely impressed with their attitude towards their revision and the conduct they showed before, during and after each examination. They have demonstrated real dedication and, in spite of all of the pressures they have faced, have conducted themselves in an incredibly mature and calm manner. We are sure that they will be delighted with the results of their hard work when they receive their results on Thursday 25th August 2022. They have been a fantastic year group and will certainly be missed by staff.

YEAR 11 LEAVERS' PROM

We look forward to seeing those Year 11 pupils who are attending the Leavers' Prom, which this year is being held at Blunsdon House Hotel on Friday 1st July 2022. Government restrictions have meant that we have not been able to hold such an event in recent years, so we are delighted that such an important rite of passage can be held once again. The year group fully deserve an evening to celebrate in style and it is always a highlight of the year to see the range of glamorous arrivals and to see them all looking so smart in their Prom outfits. Mr Morland has already written to parents of Year 11 pupils with further details around arrival and finish times, so please do check this if you are the parent of a Year 11 pupil.

YEAR 7 RESIDENTIAL TO WHITEMOOR

We are delighted that Year 7 pupils are having the opportunity to once again visit Whitemoor, after a 2 year hiatus. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to forge new friendships and try exciting new activities.

For some, this may be the first time they have been away from home. I would like to reassure both yourselves and your child that they will be well looked after. We have a very experienced team of staff attending, most of whom have been to Whitemoor before.

I hope both pupils and staff have a lovely time and the sun shines for them. I look forward to hearing all about it when they return.

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ACTIVITIES DAY

On Wednesday 29th June 2022, we will be holding an Activities Day on site for those pupils not involved in Year Group trips, Y7 residential to Whitemoor or Year 10 work experience. A letter has been given to all those pupils who we anticipate being in school on that day and they will be able to choose which activities they want to take part in. This should be a very enjoyable day, with a range of activities on offer from creative writing to forensic science challenges and sports. Pupils do not have to wear school uniform, but should wear clothing appropriate for the activities they have chosen. Normal school day timings will apply and there will be the normal service available from the canteen.

For those pupils who are going on school trips, Year 8 will be visiting Drayton Manor and Year 9 will be going to Thorpe Park. This is a fun day off timetable to say thank you to pupils for all their hard work this year. I hope they all have an enjoyable day.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Next week, our Year 10 cohort go out for their work experience placements, which we hope will give them a valuable sense of life beyond school to inform their plans for their futures. This is another event in the school calendar which we are delighted to be able to re-establish after the restrictions of the past couple of years. I would like to express my gratitude to Mrs Hicks, Careers Advisor and her assistant, Mrs Dyer, for the time they have invested in helping so many pupils secure their placements, as well as to all of the local employers who are hosting our pupils for the week.

TASTER DAY AT CIRENCESTER COLLEGE 6TH FORM

On Monday 11th July 2022, Year 10 will be spending a day at Cirencester 6th Form College, experiencing taster sessions of courses they are interested in choosing to study when they leave Kingshill School. Once again, this is a hugely valuable experience, which should help them to feel increasingly prepared when considering their longer-term planning and to support their approach towards the importance of their final year in school. We are sure that they will very quickly do their best to follow the legacy of the Year 11 cohort who left us this summer and look forward to working even more closely with them in the months ahead.

YEAR 9 OPTION TASTER DAYS

Options taster sessions are taking place on 30th June 2022 and 1st July 2022. Pupils will receive an introduction lesson to all of their chosen option subjects on both these days.

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All Year 9 pupils will be issued a temporary timetable for the whole of the day on Thursday 30th June 2022, and for lessons 1-2 on Friday 1st July 2022. Lessons will continue as normal from lesson 3 onwards on the Friday.

I hope that these sessions will reinforce to the pupils that they have made the right choices for their GCSE or BTEC option subjects and that this will help them prepare better for these, between now and September.

PARENT GOVERNORS

We are still in need for parent governors to join the Governing board. It is a great opportunity for parents to be involved in the school community and make a real positive impact. If you feel your skills can be put to good use in this way, and would like more information, please contact Mrs Bryant, Clerk to the Governors, at rbryant@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk

HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM

Can I please request that you do not take your child out of school during term time to go on holiday. This can have a detrimental affect on a child's education and they may end up missing important schooling.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

PUPILS BECOMING UNWELL AT SCHOOL

We have recently had an increased number of pupils ringing parents from their mobile phones during the school day, saying that they are feeling unwell and wish to be collected. When parents then arrive to collect their child, reception staff are totally unaware as to what has happened and pupils are still in class.

Can I please ask you to remind your child about the rules regarding being sent home if they are feeling unwell during the school day.

They must first have a completed medical card from their teacher, which needs to be handed into pupil reception/reception. Reception staff, who are all trained in first aid, will then asses your child and see whether a telephone call home needs to be made and your child collected.

Should you receive a telephone call from your child during the day asking to be collected, we ask that you contact school before you make your way in.

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Please also reinforce to your child that mobile phones should not be used during the school day, they are at risk of having them confiscated should they be caught using it.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding this.

HOLIDAY – FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Gloucestershire County Council will be running the Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme, the Holidays Activity and Food Programme and Holidays Food Boxes and have sent out the following details for us to send on to parents.

The Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

Once again, the Holiday FSM voucher scheme will be returning for the summer holidays. Like last year, the scheme will be covering 2 of the 6 weeks of the holidays. Parents will receive £30 per child (£15 per week, per child) from reception to year 11, that receives benefits related free school meals.

Key dates:

Applications will open on the 28th June 2022 and close at midday on the 12th July 2022. Vouchers will be released between the 13 and 14 July. For more information, visit GCC's website at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/

If you have any queries, please get in touch with GCC at childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF and HAP)

The HAF programme will be returning from 1st to 27th August 2022 covering 4 weeks of the summer holidays to provide families with enriching activities and nutritious food for families who receive benefits-related free school meals. GCC's extended Holiday Activities Programme (HAP) offer will also be returning so that all families in Gloucestershire will have the chance to participate in the holiday fun. More information will be released from 20th June 2022. To stay up to date on news, families can subscribe to GCC's HAF newsletter by clicking the link below:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE/subscriber/new?topic_id=UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE_287

For more information, visit GCC's website at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

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Holiday Food Boxes

Holiday Food boxes will be available across Gloucestershire for the month of August. More information on when these will be available to book will be released from 20th June 2022. Eligibility for the Holiday Food Boxes requires your children to receive benefits-related free school meals.

We will keep you updated as information is made available to the school.

As ever, I would like to thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C.S. Oates
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