

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

I hope this email finds you well.

I think summer is here. Although I must say June is doing a superb job masquerading as November, almost beating May's impersonation of February last month. Regardless of this the sun is definitely beginning to peak through the clouds for the Year 11 and 13 students who are nearing the end of their examinations. Both groups have been wonderful and deserve the long summer that awaits. If you are a Parent, Guardian or Carer of a Year 11 student we would welcome any pre-loved uniform you are willing to donate, this will go to our Pre-loved uniform sale on the 2 July. Any donations can be simply dropped into reception.

Lots to come in the coming five school weeks, some of which is detailed below in the key dates section.

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parent/Guardian/Carer survey over the last two weeks; we had 568 responses in total. There were lots of positives to celebrate in the survey with the staff, our ethos, our results and our communication all being identified as strengths. In answer to the question 'what one thing could the school do to improve?' broad themes covered revision preparation for the students, further clarity over 'expected progress' and the setting and marking of homework. On the point of homework 75% of responders felt their child receives about the right amount of homework, with 15% suggesting there was too little and 10% too much. As the survey can be broken down into 'Student Year Groups' we are looking closely at how this is reflected in different year groups and we will respond accordingly.

The headline data from the survey is contained below. The survey tool we use compares our data to 'similar schools' nationally. Where comparative data is available this is contained.

Question	Salesian	Don't know	Similar Schools
Parent feels child has a good experience of the school	89%	1%	63%
Parent would recommend school to another parent	97%	-	78%
Parent feels child is safe at school	97%	1%	79%
Parent says their child is doing well at school	93%	2%	78%
Parent feels child is happy at school	94%	2%	76%
Parent feels school has high expectations of their child	94%	4%	72%
Parent feels the school communicates how their child is doing	90%	1%	68%
Parent knows what their child will learn during the year	86%	3%	51%
Parent feels school ensures students are well behaved	93%	4%	65%
Parent feels concerns with the school have been dealt with properly	69%	3% (24% not raised a concern)	54%
Parent feels there is sufficient extra-curricular activities	89%	3%	No comparative data

Thank you for all the lovely messages for individual members of staff; we are working through the list and will ensure that each one receives your thanks.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 19 th June 2024	Accelerated Day, 2.15pm finish
Friday, 21 st June 2024	SPA 80's Tribute Night with live music – tickets still available on Tucasi
Friday 28 th June 2024	INSET Day
Friday 28 th June 2024	Year 11 Prom
Tuesday 2 nd July 2024	Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Unauthorised Term-Time Leave (a Surrey CC notice)

A brief reminder that if children are taken out of school, without authority, for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), parents/guardians/carers will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/guardian/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter there is an escalation process. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/guardian/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices. Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Given our clear line on term-time holiday's I expect you didn't need this reminder, nevertheless, I have now fulfilled the request from the local authority!

I wish you all a lovely weekend whatever you are doing. I am joining 200 (yes, 200!) Bronze DofE students on their expedition over the weekend, I'll pray the sun peaks out for them too.

God bless,



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