

Friday 27 May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you at the end of another half-term. Year 11 and Year 13 students are now engrossed in their study leave and public exams. As a cohort they have made an impressive start.

When we return to school on Monday 6 June Year 9 become Y10, Year 10 students become Year 11 and Year 12 become Year 13. New Year 10 students begin their option subjects and everybody has a new timetable. It is a fresh start for everyone and a great opportunity to enjoy a determined final seven weeks of the school year.

Café prices

The café remains a popular choice for students. Unfortunately the surge in world food prices can be resisted no longer and our caterers are having to increase prices on a range of food and drink. The new menu and new tariffs can be found on the school website. We work with Chartwells to ensure that prices remain as affordable as possible and good value.

Medicines

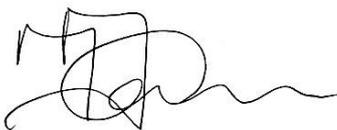
From next half-term we will no longer be able to dispense paracetamol to students unless this has been agreed with parents/carers as part of a treatment plan. Students are permitted to bring one dose of paracetamol to school in their bag for their own occasional use (one or two tablets depending on age). Students must not go to the Medical Room to request paracetamol as our medical room team will not be allowed to dispense them.

In recent weeks we saw the Year 11 boys' football team recognised as county champions (some feat across all schools in Central Bedfordshire, Luton and Bedford), we celebrated Year 11 students' achievements on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, our Sixth Form sports leaders ran the district athletics finals at Stockwood Park stadium, and we have seen trips out to Wadham College, Oxford, Wycombe Swan theatre, Aylesbury College and a French trip to Paris among others. It has been a terrific few weeks and there will be plenty of exciting opportunities for students in all year groups to get involved in over the coming weeks.

Do not hesitate to contact me via office@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk should you have any further questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Tim Carroll