

18 October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you as the half-term break approaches next week.

It has been a very good start to the new school year with routines quickly established, a strong working atmosphere around school and many great opportunities for students to enjoy in our enrichment programme including trips and visits.

### **Term dates**

Please note that our term dates are on the school website and vary on one or two days to those of C Beds schools. So students are in school every day this week while some other schools are closed to students on Friday. After the half-term week students return to school on Monday 31 October.

### **Fireworks**

With Guy Fawkes Night approaching we are reminding students about safety around fireworks and bonfires. There are no circumstances where it is acceptable to bring fireworks of any description or lighting materials into school. It is against the law for a person under 18 to buy fireworks and it is against the law to let off fireworks in a public place unless under a licence.

### **Governing board**

Following our advertisement of a vacancy with closing date 23 September, Mr Brendan Thomas, parent of a Year 12 student, has joined the governing board as a parent governor for a four year term.

### **Parent/carer subject consultations**

Last week we held the first round of parent/carer subject consultations for Year 11 with Year 10 taking place this week. These are on-line. The Year 9 tutor evening takes place on Thursday 3 November and is in person. Details will be sent out shortly.

Our Sixth Form Open Evening for current Year 11 students is on 17 November from 6pm and parent/carer subject consultations for Year 12 and Year 13 are scheduled for 24 November and 1 December respectively.

If you have any questions please contact [office@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:office@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk) and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

We are looking forward to the successful start to the year continuing for everyone at Vandyke.

Yours sincerely



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