

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you with a quick update on some important matters.

Google Classroom

We will shortly be rolling out Google Classroom's Guardian facility. This will allow parents/carers who sign up for this service to access a weekly summary of homework set. It will also indicate if the work was done ("has been submitted"). This requires the student to do the work and then click the submit button so on occasions when they forget to click the submit button it will appear as if they did not complete the work but this might not be the case. You will receive an invitation from Google on Monday with an invitation to join this free service. The email is from Google Classroom and Mr Gilmour who is our IT Manager so please look out for this.

SMILE Week

Vandyke has supported an orphanage in Malawi for almost 20 years now. Our fund-raising has assisted the children in the orphanage and played an important part in helping our students to learn about life in other countries and to see how our charity work can bring real benefit to others. Our SMILE work is led by our Sixth Form students. SMILE Week starts on Monday.

3G Football Pitch

Construction of our new full-size 3G football pitch is almost complete. It will be a fantastic additional facility for our students and for the community and was generously funded by the Football Foundation and C Beds Council. All users must wear the appropriate footwear which is studded boots. For students without studded boots this could be a useful Christmas present. For students without studded boots, we have purchased a large stock in different sizes that students can borrow for PE lessons on the 3G pitch.

Careers newsletter

Please also find attached to this email a copy of our Careers Newsletter. On 12 January we hold our annual careers fayre. This is a big event with lots of providers from private companies, public sector organisations, apprenticeship providers, colleges and universities. All students and parents/carers are invited. More details will follow.

End of term

Term finishes on Friday 16 December at 12.15pm for Years 9-11 and 11.05am for Years 12-13. Buses will arrive early. The spring term resumes on Wednesday 4 January.

If you have any questions please contact office@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely



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