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Happy
New
Year
2018

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER OF 2018



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News from the Principal

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a great break and 2018 has started well.

I would like to inform you that our improvement work with Wales High School is set to continue over the course of the next term. There is now a copy of our post inspection improvement plan available to view on our school website.

There will be a continued focus on further improving the quality of teaching, particularly in relation to feedback, questioning, challenge and differentiation. In addition to this, our Heads of Department will continue their work with staff from Wales High to support the effective moderation and use of assessment. Mr Di'lasio will remain in his role as Executive Headteacher, and has formally been

introducing himself to learners in assemblies this week. The two additional Assistant Principals, seconded from Wales High, will also work at Darton and to provide valuable expertise and additional capacity around quality assurance and the curriculum.

The work around the school's curriculum has meant that the Year 9 Options Process has been moved back slightly, but we are confident that it will provide learners with a broader, more balanced range of option choices. Letters were sent out before Christmas regarding the Year 9 options process timeline. Should anyone require any further information regarding this, please feel free to contact us.

Over the coming weeks the school's long term position will be considered by

the Regional School Commissioner, John Edwards. As and when we receive more information we will communicate this to all parents and carers in due course.

We are delighted to be awarded the Careers Quality Mark. This is recognition of the hard work that the school has completed to develop a quality careers provision. We were pleased that the team were able to identify and report many strong elements of provision that were not recognised during our Ofsted inspection.

Many thanks to all parents and carers who continue to support their child's attendance at school. We are delighted that our overall attendance last year was above the national average and hope that we can continue to improve further this year. If you require any support around your child's attendance at school, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Year Group Pastoral Link.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Ms Kate Davies
Principal

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YEAR 9 OPTIONS INFORMATION EVENING

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OPTIONS EVENING

TUESDAY 6TH MARCH

5.30PM – 7.30PM

Presentation time slots will be available to pre-book shortly at 5.45pm - 6.15pm - 6.45pm.



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IMPORTANT BUS INFORMATION

We have been working closely with Stagecoach to improve our school travel service. This has led to adding further capacity to the current 488. As from **Monday 15th January** the afternoon 444 bus will now become a second 488 bus. This will continue to do the same route as the 444 however, instead of the bus terminating in Athersley, the journey will be extended to end in Monk Bretton. Please inform your child not to worry if they are unable to get on the first 488 bus due to the bus being full, the second bus will follow shortly after.

Stagecoach are also currently monitoring capacity for the 488 morning service as we have had some issues where the bus has been late or driving past learners due to it being full. We do advise that learners do try to catch some of the slightly earlier buses such as the 485 bus route to avoid some issues. However, we will inform you with any further changes that may take place after the capacity figures come back to us.

TRIP PAYMENT DIARY DATES

Please see the amounts below and the dates when payments are due to be made. Any financial issues can be discussed with Ms Oates, our school Finance Manager: soates@dartoncollege.co.uk.

- ESA/Rome Trip** - Mon 15th Jan - £75.00
- Belgium Battlefields Trip** - Tues 16th Jan - £100.00
- Caythorpe Court Outdoor Adventure Centre** - Tues 16th Jan - £40.00
- War Horse Production** - Mon 26th Jan - £26.00
- Blood Brothers Production** - Mon 5th Feb - £25.00
- Ardèche Trip** - Fri 23rd March - £100.00

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WK ENDING 22ND DEC - 93.70%

KEY DATES

25TH JANUARY 2018
Year 11 Mock Exam Results Day

7TH FEBRUARY 2018 - 4.30PM - 7.30PM
Year 11 Parents' Evening

9TH FEBRUARY 2018
Break Up for Half Term

19TH FEBRUARY 2018
Return to School

1ST MARCH 2018
World Book Day - Themed Lunch

6TH MARCH 2018 - 5.30PM - 7.30PM
Year 9 Options Evening

23RD MARCH 2018
Break Up for Easter / INSET Day

9TH APRIL 2018
Return to School

For additional key dates, please see the calendar shown on our school website.

YEAR 11 PARENT'S EVENING

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PARENTS' EVENING

WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

4.30PM – 7.30PM

<https://dartoncollege.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Booking for teacher appointments opens on Wednesday 24th January, 8.00pm.



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