

17th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy half term I thought it important to update you regarding several matters.

Gate Security

I am very pleased that we are having a new fence and gate installed over half term which will improve our site security. This is something both parents and students have identified as an area for improvement. The new gate and fence will make the front car park slightly smaller and I would ask that parents do not drive and drop off in our car park unless it is prearranged.

Year 11 Mocks

Arrangements to support our Year 11 students are in place for their mocks in November, and I would encourage all parents to support and help with revision activities over half term and look forward to seeing as many parents as possible on the 30th October.

Curriculum

It is very important that parents are fully aware of the curriculum that is being taught in our school, detailed information is on our website, but I do need to draw attention to parents of Year 9 students of our expectations regarding Modern Foreign Languages. The option process will start soon after Christmas and we have raised our expectations about the options available including our intent to ensure most students study a Modern Foreign Language. Currently our numbers studying a language are too few and we fully believe that studying a Modern Foreign Language opens wide opportunities to students when they leave us at the end of Year 11.

Parent Consultation

The parent survey is now complete and I will be sharing with you the results shortly. I am very keen to continue to listen to parents' views and act on the results and I would encourage parents to come forward, particularly if you are interested in being a Governor or joining the Friends of OBHS. The next Parents Forum meeting is on the 2nd December. The results of the survey will be discussed as well as the Relationships and Sex Education Policy.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher