

WEEK AHEAD

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd March 2019



Dear Parents,

As the weather begins to improve, we want to accompany that expectation with a plea:

Could parents please ensure that children have at all times their PE kits with them at school. This has become an increasing problem over the last few months, and as a result, some children are not participating in games and other required activities.

This has been especially a problem with many of our senior students.

We appreciate the cooperation of our entire parent community with regard to this request.

Best wishes,

Mrs Kim Salthouse
Head of School

Dr Duncan Rollo
Principal

Friday 5th April 2019
Easter Service – 2.15pm
School Finishes 3.00pm

Why Do We Go To School?

School is only a chore if you make it one - so let's start the school day right by remembering why we go in the first place.

- **School helps to develop key social skills**
- **School makes the world a safer place**
- **School helps contribute to society**
- **School introduces us to new cultures**
- **School helps us discover our passions**

School shouldn't be something we do out of duty or because someone is forcing us to go. Receiving an education opens so many doors for us. We are able to delve deeper into subjects we actually enjoy and want to pursue in the future. We learn new ways of thinking and are challenged to consider issues from a new viewpoint.

Education is not about cramming facts in our mind only to forget them as soon as the test is over. If you go to class only to memorise, you're doing yourself a disservice. Sometimes we have to memorise facts and dates, but it's for a purpose. It gives us context and helps us understand things that we thought were far beyond our reach.

A quote about education comes from the poet William Butler Yeats. ***“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”***

NOTICES

Students Who Travel by Taxi

Please could parents ensure that their child's taxi is informed if a child is to be absent from school and does not need to be collected by the taxi. It has come to light on a number of occasions that taxis have arrived at the school at the end of the day to collect students to return home. We have had to explain that the child has been collected for medical appointments/or sent home unwell.

Thank you.

School Diaries

Please could all parents check with their children that they have their school diaries. These should have homework assignments written in. Teachers are also checking these diaries to ensure that all parents and students are aware of the demands being made on the children. The diaries are especially helpful in facilitating communication between class tutors and parents.

Sunday boarding arrangements

Please can Parents let Mr Thompson know in advance, either by email at athompson@centreacademy.net, or by phone or text message on 07555 416172. This is so that we have numbers for food on Sunday evening and numbers for pick up from Stowmarket train station. Boarders should either arrive at Centre Academy no earlier than 7pm if coming directly or be picked up from Stowmarket train station.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Boarding House Telephone Numbers:

Mr Thompson can be contacted on the following mobile number during the week, Monday from 8.00 am to Friday 3.00pm. Please can any arrangements for Sunday evening boarding be made in advance prior to 3.00pm on the Friday. The Care Staff do not stay on site at the weekend and will be out of contact during this period.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Mr Thompson - 07555 416 172

Gentle Reminders:

- ✚ If your child requires any medication, please ensure that this is handed into the office or Mrs Beadman. Medication will need to be in its original packet along with the relevant paperwork. The item must be clearly labelled with the student's name and the instructions of administration.
- ✚ Students must not be sent to school if they have a fever/sickness or are feeling ill. Students should be fever/sickness free for 48 hours before returning to school to protect other students from contact with potentially contagious illnesses. Parents will be contacted by the medical staff on duty if a child shows symptoms of illness while in school.
- ✚ Could all students bring stationery in to school for their lessons, e.g. pens/pencils and crayons.
- ✚ Please check and sign homework diaries every week; the diaries are a very important tool to communicate with teachers and parents.
- ✚ All female students are to wear either trousers or skirts with thick tights when participating in drama lessons or drama activities after school.
- ✚ During the summer please ensure your child has sun cream, a sun hat and appropriate glasses with them; all items should be marked with the child's name.