

17 February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Throughout this half term we have been talking to the students about the school motto, 'Potential into Reality' and how being engaged and committed to the concept forms part of their personal journey to achievement. In the classroom, our focus has been to start learning quickly each and every lesson with students recalling what they have learnt previously. Students have embraced these opportunities and the importance of being engaged and intentional in their work.

My sincere thanks go to you as parents/carers for your loyal and tireless support of your child and for embracing the developments within the school. For parents of Year 11 and the Sixth Form, the staff and I appreciate your support in encouraging your child to continue to prepare for their forthcoming GCSE and A level examinations. All students should have a plan to revise - little and often every day, including throughout the half term break - in preparation for their in-class assessments.

We have seen our students participate in a careers event at the Erdington Skills Centre. Our students did us proud in exploring opportunities available to them in the future. We have seen Year 10 students participate in a graduation ceremony at Oxford University as part of the Brilliant Club and our fantastic sports teams have brought us success in basketball and second place in athletics. There is a real richness of activities for our students.

Spring Term: Dates for your diary

17 February	Break up for Half Term
18 February	Teacher Training Day
21-25 February	Half Term
28 February	Return to school (normal times)
2 March	Year 10 Photographs
3 March	Year 11 Mock Interview Day
4 March	12-15 Covid Vaccinations
14 March	Year 11 Reports
18 March	Interim Reports for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10
24 March	Year 7 Parents Evening (via School Cloud)
7 April	Year 10 Parents Evening (via School Cloud)
7 April	Break up for Easter/end of Term
8 April	Teacher Training Day
11-22 April	Easter Holiday

Refined Behaviour System

We have seen the vast majority of students have responded well to our new behaviour system; where each and every lesson they are focused and engaged in their learning.

From February half term, when students have been involved in an incident where it is felt that time in isolation is needed, they will leave school at 3:40pm. Parents/carers will be informed of this via telephone.

Finally, this has been a half-term to be proud of and provides me with the opportunity to thank students and staff for their hard work and commitment to the school. It is an absolute delight and privilege to work in the John Willmott learning community.

Best wishes for a restful half term break.

Yours sincerely

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