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19th December 2023

Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of this busy term, we are writing to update you with the arrangements for the start of the new term.

End of the school term: Wednesday 20th December 2023

There will be a phased dismissal of all students on Wednesday 20th December, from 12.30pm. It is a normal school uniform day. Lessons will proceed as normal for Periods 1 and 2 followed by a brunch food service at morning break. Students will then be in tutor time until phased dismissal from 12:30pm. Students should make their way home swiftly and safely, and not linger around the local shops and residential areas.

Start of the new term: School begins at 8:30am on Tuesday 9th January 2024 for all pupils.

Dates for the Diary:

Term Dates: Spring Term 2024

- Spring 1: 9th January – 9th February

Half term: 12th - 16th February

- Spring 2: 19th February – 28th March

Easter Holiday: 29th March – 14th April

Parent Meetings: Spring Term 2024

- Thursday 18th January – YR10 Parents/Carers Evening
- Tuesday 23rd January – YR11 Parent/Carer workshop – supporting your child through GCSE Exams
- Thursday 22nd February – YR9 Options & Parents/Carers Evening

Contacting us

A reminder about your personal contact details: We must have your correct contact details for safeguarding and well-being purposes. We will contact you by phone, text message, e-mail, website or letter. Please inform us in writing (or by email) of any changes.

Please check our website for future events or meetings as this will be updated weekly and there is a user-friendly calendar which will provide you with information like Parents Evening, Sports Day, Music Concerts etc. As the start of term rolls out, there will be new information coming out, however, we do not wish to overwhelm people at this stage.

School Uniform

Thank you to you all for supporting the school's uniform policy and expectations so strongly. This means a lot to us and helps to reinforce the consistency and high expectations of our young people. The expectations and dress code have not changed. Please check your child's jewellery before they leave in the morning; students are permitted to have one stud earring only in each ear. Our school trousers are mid-grey, not black or almost black. Long acrylic false nails are not to be worn. We will expect any over-long and large acrylic nails to be removed within 24 hours of them being seen and reported to you. We are now enforcing this, and we ask that parents check uniform carefully with students and go through the expectations with them.

Our expectations are that all students must be in full and accurate uniform from the first day, Tuesday 9th January, including lanyards. This is a compulsory part of the uniform. As a reminder, cards and lanyards must always be worn around the neck. We do not expect jumpers to be pulled tight or tied, or expect students to wear more than one pair of trousers at a time. All school trousers are to be worn around the waist. The tie is always worn to the waist and not tied in such a way that it is short. Where there is an issue with uniform, there will be an initial contact with parents/carers, and if the issue continues after this, students will be removed from the classroom as we do have a clear Uniform Policy and expectations that it is always worn correctly.

We are always happy to receive clean items of uniform in good wearable condition. This helps us to support families in need and to cater for the inevitable mishaps that occur with uniform items during the normal wear and tear of the school day. Please bring any donations you might have to school reception. Blazers and ties are particularly appreciated – being either the costliest or most 'lost' items of uniform for students' families. Do remember to label items of clothing so that we are able to return them to their rightful owners if lost.

School Timing

Please be reminded that school starts at 8:30am each day, and students must be in their form rooms and ready to learn at this time. Please encourage your child to be on time. The school is open from 7:30am and children are welcome to attend Breakfast Club where a free breakfast is available.

Staff Leavers and Starters

We say farewell to Mr Kwari who is leaving us at the end of this term, to take on a new role in Further Education. A big thank you and good luck to him. We will be welcoming the return of Mr Nicolls to the College from January. Mr Nicolls is taking on the role of Maths teacher at Conisborough and many students in Years 10 and 11 will remember Mr Nicolls as he taught at the College previously. We look forward to welcoming him back to the College.

Please see below for a link to services within the Lewisham area that can offer support to Lewisham families over the holiday period. [Christmas in Lewisham 2023: Useful Services, Free Meals and Free Food \(goodfoodlewisham.org\)](https://www.goodfoodlewisham.org)

Thank you for your continued support. With Christmas ahead, and the chance for some much-needed rest, I hope that you and your family have a safe and restful time. We look forward to seeing everyone back in January, well-rested and looking forward to an exciting 2024.

Until then, from all of us here at Conisborough College, we wish you a merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday to you all.

Best wishes,

K Mahar

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