

10th July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of a fantastic year here at Shuttleworth it is that time when I write to you about end of year arrangements and new term arrangements.

Before I go any further please find outlined below the arrangements and times for Friday 20th July and Tuesday 4th September.

Friday 20th July

Non-uniform day – please bring a £1 contribution for charity

Term ends at 12 noon

Tuesday 4th September

Term begins for all students at the usual time of 8:40am. Students go to form rooms which will be displayed around the building. Students must be in full school uniform, including black school shoes. Can I urge you to ensure your child does not attempt to come back to school with any of the following:

- Extreme/unnatural hair colours or a shaved head
- Facial piercings
- False or painted nails
- False eyelashes
- Make-up
- Trainers of any description

Also please ensure your child wears full school uniform coming and going from school. Hoodies or sweatshirts are not acceptable as part of the uniform. Your support with maintaining our high standards of uniform and personal appearance is much appreciated.

The summer holidays are always much anticipated by students (and staff!) To ensure things go smoothly, safely and your child has a positive start to their new school year can I urge you to monitor your child's activities over social media during the holidays. Hours of unstructured time can often lead to over use of social media and the internet which, as we know, is not always a positive thing. If you would like any more explicit advice on keeping your child safe online please go to nspcc.org.uk and go to online safety. Can I draw your attention to the enclosed poster about our summer read and review challenge. This is a great way for children to spend some productive hours over the weeks ahead.

On a different note you will all be aware that we were visited by OFSTED on 26-27th June for a full two day inspection. The timing was interesting as we had our 230 year 6 students in for transition week and the hottest days ever!

These challenges aside we are very pleased with the findings of the team and we feel the report reflects where we are as a school. Although we were a little disappointed not to achieve a good rating overall both leadership and personal development, behaviour and welfare were graded as good. The report praises the positive culture, attitudes and ethos across the college.

The report highlights just how far we have come in raising achievement across a whole host of subjects most notably maths, English and science.

They also fully accepted that where subjects had a history of poor performance in the school that these areas are now improving. It is just a shame they didn't come in September when we would have the summer results to share.

Can I urge you to read the full report which is available on our website www.shuttleworth.org to get a true sense of the work going on in school but also to see just how amazing our staff and young people are. Students are praised throughout the report for their attendance, behaviour and attitudes to learning. The culture and work ethic of staff is also praised, a huge thank you to all staff for all they do day in day out. I am so proud of our students and staff and so happy that their commitment to their school and studies has been recognised by the team.

Please rest assured that work on the recommendations for improvement was already in hand and you will see greater consistency in student outcomes in the subjects mentioned in this summer's results and going forward into next year. We are also predicting the highest ever number of top grades for students and we have clear plans already in place for pushing our most able students throughout their time here at Shuttleworth.

Do you have any questions or worries about uniform or the new school year? What shoes should I buy? Who is going to be my child's form tutor? If so please do not hesitate to contact your child's pastoral leader before the holiday to put your mind at rest.

There will be a further newsletter before we break up but I will take this opportunity to wish you a safe, sunny and stress free summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. England". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Mrs Ruth England
Headteacher