

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday, we welcomed Year 7 parents and carers to a school Coffee Morning, providing an informal opportunity to catch up on the first half term for our Year 7 pupils. Starting high school is a significant transition, and it was good to share how the pupils have settled in. Thank you to Miss Rosenburgh and Mrs Artess for organising the event, and to the Governors who were able to attend.

It was also good to see so many parents at Parents' Evening on Wednesday. This was an excellent opportunity to receive up-to-date information about your child's progress and next steps. Mr Power will soon send out a questionnaire to gather your views. Parent voice is an important part of the school's ongoing development.

We are exploring online software for Parents' Evenings, as I am aware that some families face long journeys and may have other children to supervise. We will keep you up to date as this work progresses.

Demitri, from St John's Church, Hartford, will join us for our Harvest Festival Assembly on Wednesday 21 October. This year, we are supporting the local food bank. Mr Duncalf is leading the organisation of the festival and has asked that families who are able to donate consider sending into school non-perishable goods, such as tinned and packet foods. Food banks also value donations of toiletries. Pupils involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award team will be helping as part of their volunteering section to collect and transport donated goods to the food bank.

Our Remembrance Assembly on Thursday 5th November will be a solemn occasion dedicated to honouring British and Commonwealth service members who died in the two World Wars and later conflicts. Marked by the red poppy, the assembly will give pupils and staff the opportunity to purchase a poppy in support of the Poppy Appeal. All donations will go directly to the Royal British Legion.

Next week marks the end of the first half of the autumn term. By popular demand, Friday's rewards will include a Halloween disco and a non-uniform day.

School will close for the half-term break on Friday 23rd October and reopen for pupils on Monday 2nd November. Please also note that the school will be closed for whole-school training on Wednesday 4th November. The focus of the training will be neurodiversity and its impact on teaching strategies.

A reminder that the clocks go back one hour at 2:00am on Sunday 25th October.

Thank you for your feedback and continued support. Your children are making a fantastic start to the year.

Yours faithfully,

Mike McCann
Headteacher



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