



DANUM

Dear parent/guardian,

I am writing at the end of a very busy term: our staff and students have been busy this term, with our older students preparing for their end of school exams. We've had lots of exciting opportunities for students this term, including our pupils being invited to contribute to the planting of a community memorial garden along with our Post 16 students visiting a number of universities. *If you're not already, please follow us on Instagram or Facebook to keep up to date with the latest school news and events! I know our pupils enjoy seeing their efforts celebrated and those pictures and videos are a great way for you to learn about what our school children are up to.*

Before we return to school on **Monday the 13th of April** after a hopefully relaxing Easter break, I'd like to remind our students and families of some important information to keep in mind when pupils return.

### **Exams**

The real exams begin for Y11 and KS5 students **from the week beginning the 4th of May**. If your child is in this year group, they will get a timetable for their exams, along with revision sessions they need to attend. It's really important they pay close attention to this timetable, and that the rest of the year groups are mindful that examinations are taking place in school.

### **School dinners**

We pride ourselves in ensuring there is a lot of choice with our school meals, with the new 'Make a sub' sandwich bar being popular. School meal prices have had to rise with inflation, and we have kept these as low as we can for as long as possible. **From September**, the price of a school meal will rise to £3.45 where pupils can get a meal and a drink or dessert. We think this still represents very good value for money.

### **Uniform**

Wearing the school uniform correctly is really important. Not only does it make sure our students are ready for the world of work, but it makes sure they are ready for learning and we don't have to have conversations about incorrect uniforms. The correct full uniform rules can be found in the pupil planners, and on the school website. We help pupils who have uniform issues by having a supply of loaned uniform when issues come up.

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### **Enrichment**

There are so many opportunities for children to take part in after school activities at Danum. From community clubs, a drama club, music sessions and sporting clubs. They can see their learning manager for the enrichment list, or see this publicised in their tutor group. Our Y11 and Y13 pupils have after school sessions across the week to help support their revision, so should be attending these.

### **Attendance**

Good attendance at school is vital to pupil wellbeing. We know that good attendance always links to good attainment, this is true nationally as well as in our school. Pupils who achieve their potential have the opportunity to go off into the world and choose their paths without limits. Anyone below 90% is classed as a persistent absentee, so in order to stand a good chance of getting the grades your child deserves, they need to be aiming for 95% or better. Of course, there are a few pupils with serious medical conditions that may struggle to achieve that, however for the vast majority of pupils, 95% or above should be the norm.

### **The holidays**

During holidays, if parents have a wellbeing or safeguarding concern about a pupil that is urgent, they should contact the Doncaster Safeguarding Children Partnership <https://dscp.org.uk/> or the police if it is a police matter.

Finally, I want to wish you all my best wishes for the holidays and time together with your loved ones. I am grateful for all of the support received so far this year, and look forward to seeing what our pupils can achieve in the summer term.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Crane

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