

Dear Families,

I would like to wish you a very happy new year and a successful start to the new half term. I hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable break.

Firstly I would like to send a reminder about the message that we sent to all students during our final assembly at the end of last term where the students were asked to think of those over the Christmas holiday who are less fortunate than ourselves. Ms Pollard's Year 13 Citizenship class proposed that as a whole school community we start 2018 helping others in the West London area. They contacted a local food bank and were told which items are urgently needed by local families who are currently living close to the poverty line. Therefore we have asked all students this Thursday or Friday to bring in one item each. We have allocated specific items to each year group to ensure that we can give the maximum support to both the food bank and families in our community.

Please find below the specific items.

- Year 7 - a small jar of coffee / jar of pasta sauce
- Year 8 - a tin of meat / bottle of washing up liquid
- Year 9 - a deodorant / carton/bottle of UHT long life milk or powder
- Year 10 - a shampoo / conditioner
- Year 11 - a tin of fruit / pack of 2 or 4 toilet rolls

I would like to thank you in advance for your generosity and support with this important project.

Can I please also remind families about the importance of cycle safety. We will be holding some cycle safety assemblies in the coming weeks for students to remind them of the importance of riding their bikes safely, wearing appropriate reflective clothing and helmets and adhering to the road rules.

It is going to be a busy half term and I know that the Year 11 teachers will be starting intervention courses this half term for various subjects. Your son/daughter will be contacted if they are involved in these.

Here is a reminder of some of the key dates this half term

- 8 January - Year 12 and 13 mocks begin

12 January - Year 11 mock results event
17 January - Year 11 Subject Consultation evening
29 January - Year 8 Subject Consultation evening
7 February - Groundhog day - running Friday's timetable
9 February - INSET day
12 February - HALF TERM

I will be holding the second Parents Forum on Monday 22 January starting at 7pm and we will have a presentation from the Head of Science. It will be a pleasure to welcome all parents who wish to attend.

Thank you again for all your support last half term. I look forward to a busy and successful half term.

Yours sincerely

K Pacey

Head of School