



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

Our ref: SXW/TA

October 2023

Year 10

Dear Parent/Guardian

The New Term - Autumn 2023

I wish you all a warm welcome back as we start our GCSE journey. Year 10 students have come back with a sense of enthusiasm for their option subjects and the next two years of hard work to achieve their potential.

The focus this year is on positivity and rewards and along with 'Fab Friday' emails we now have Positive Referrals, which teachers can give students for exceptional work, effort, community spirit, etc. These are collated on Bromcom, they can achieve certificates for achieving set numbers, there are badges and once a half term we will have a raffle and a student will be randomly selected (each referral counts as an electronic raffle ticket) to win a £25 Amazon voucher. We will also be offering reward events each term to students who hit specific criteria.

You will see your child being set homework and there are more opportunities to read around their subjects and broaden their learning as part of their GCSE studies. Please can you support your child in developing good habits and routines around their studies, ensuring time is factored in for rest and extracurricular activities.

If you are concerned about your child's emotional wellbeing, please do get in touch. Healthy Minds Lincolnshire have also created several online workshops available for instant access on their website. It is also normal, as we start Key Stage 4 courses, for students to think about their future. Later this year we will be having a work experience event, details to follow.

Our main PSHE focus this term is issues surrounding health and the law. Students are exploring radicalisation, alcohol and drugs, other risky behaviours, amongst other prevalent topics, including vaping. It is illegal for students to buy vapes and they are banned items in school. Any incident involving possession of a vape in school will be dealt with in line with school policy. Please talk to your child about the consequences of this.

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of our students this is of paramount importance. If you have any safeguarding concerns please inform me as soon as possible, alternatively you can contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mr Muir, or Miss Griffiths, the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Students must wear the correct school uniform at all times. They will be required to borrow our spare uniform if they arrive to school incorrectly dressed. You will also be contacted and requested to bring into school the correct uniform. The policy can be found on the school website - [William Farr C of E Comprehensive School - Uniform](#). I ask for your support in ensuring your child's uniform is correct each school day.

Parents' Evenings will continue online and the date is set for 7 March 2024. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

Should you wish to contact me, I will endeavour to respond to all concerns on the day they are made. However, I have teaching commitments, in addition to my role as Head of Year, so this may not always be possible. Please feel free to contact me via email: s.willett@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk. For subject-specific queries, please contact Heads of Department directly.

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We have a number of students who suffer with severe nut allergies in school. Therefore, students must not bring nuts into school. This includes nuts in packed lunches and snack bars.

I look forward to working with you in partnership again this year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr S Willett', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mr S Willett
Head of Year 10