

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are already at the end of our first term of this academic year. There are a number of different activities and events that have taken place this half term in particular and I would like to thank all of the students, staff and parents for the support and enthusiasm that these activities have been fulfilled with. This week alone each year group have been out on a rewards trips, the year 8 enterprise group have planned and run an inflatable event, which they took full ownership of and were praised by the external partners that they engaged with. We have had Christmas dinner, end of term assessments and attendance reward movies to name but a few. It is always a delight to see how well our students represent Ingleby Manor and the positive feedback from parents has been a pleasure to receive.

### **New Year**

Please can I remind you that we come back to school on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 and we will be talking the New Year head on. Year 9 students will have 1 to 1 interviews in the first full week back with an independent careers adviser to help them think about their up and coming GCSE choices. In the second week we will be holding an options fayre to allow students and parents to meet with our staff, colleges and a range of external providers to help them think about the subjects they will need to take forward. On 22<sup>nd</sup> they will have their parents evening to help clarify and finalise their choices with a view to starting their option courses later in the term.

### **Mrs Mitchell**

I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome Mrs Mitchell to Ingleby Manor as part of our Senior Leadership Team. Mrs Mitchell is an extremely experienced member of staff who will be taking the lead in behaviour and attendance across the school and working closely the pastoral team to support your children.

### **Behaviour Interventions**

We contacted parents earlier in the year to ask your views on introducing a Friday behaviour intervention after school and the response was extremely positive. We have trialled this over the last few weeks and found the impact has been clear in school as well. These Friday after school interventions will commence as a formal part of our behaviour policy in the new year. This is one of the areas Mrs Mitchell will be implementing.

### **Homework**

We have received numerous correspondence from parents with regards to expectations of homework in Key Stage 4. Thank you for the feedback and we will endeavour to implement a best fit solution to your comments. We are currently evaluating these responses and will give further details out in the new year.

### **Reports**

All students have sat end of term assessments over the last few weeks, the information from these assessments is in the process of being standardised and will be shared with you through a formal report at the start of the Spring term.

## Parking

As a school it is important that we build positive relations with our community neighbours. One area where we are facing some challenges is around parking. A number of residents have asked for us to mention that they are finding it quite difficult to access the estate around the start and end of the school day due to some visitors parking round the edges of the roundabouts. We do not want any accidents to happen and therefore respectfully request that you avoid parking around these areas. We do have a designated drop off zone in the school car park and would encourage you to use this area.

### Dates for your Diary

<b>January</b>	3	Spring Term
	8-12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Careers Interviews
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Options Evening
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 9 Parents Evening
<b>March</b>	26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Parents Evening
<b>April</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 8 Parents Evening

## Vacancies

We currently have 2 Lunchtime Supervisor Posts available from January. If you are interested, please contact the school directly for details.

Thank you for your continued support, as always it is greatly appreciated whether as volunteering in school, the communications and donations that we receive or the events that you support. I wish you and your family all the best for the holidays and extremely happy New Year.

Regards



Mrs Z Matthewman

Acting Principal