

14 July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mini Heatwave – Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 July 2022

You will be aware that the projected temperatures for next Monday and Tuesday are going to be high, possibly up to 38°C. I am therefore informing you that we are making some changes at school for both days so that your son/ward's education can continue in a safe manner.

The School Day

Students are to attend school on Monday and Tuesday at the normal start time. However, we will be closing the school to students at **12.25pm** on **both days**. This is to allow them to return home before the peak temperatures later in the afternoon.

Periods 1 to 4 will take place as per student timetables. However, the lessons will be cut to 45 minutes to allow for the early finish. Break will take place at 10.55am and will be extended so that students can get food and a lunch should they so wish. Students on Free School Meals will be able to have lunch at this time.

The morning will finish with a short registration before students are dismissed at 12.25pm. They will be given the instruction to go straight home. We would encourage parents/carers to reinforce this message with their children.

School Uniform - Relaxed

The school dress code will be relaxed for both days.

Students in Years 7-10 may opt to come to school in their House Polo Shirt (**not** a games shirt) and school PE shorts or plain black sports shorts (no other sports kit will be acceptable). Footwear will need to be PE socks and trainers. I would encourage students to take up this option.

Alternatively, students may opt to keep wearing school uniform, although they do not have to bring a blazer or tie for these days. Footwear will need to be school shoes, as trainers are not to be worn with the normal uniform.

All students will be allowed to wear a cap/hat to and from school and when outside the school building. We continue to encourage all students to bring their own reusable water bottle, so that they can keep hydrated throughout the school day and on the journey to and from school.

Sixth Form

Please note that Sixth Form students will be expected to wear a shirt and trousers but are encouraged not to wear a suit jacket or tie. The Year 12 assembly is moved to 12.00pm on Tuesday and all students are expected to attend.

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Further Actions

When students are in class, we will do our very best to ensure that rooms are well ventilated and shaded, and we will encourage your son/ward to have their reusable water bottles available for use. In addition, PE/games lessons will not include energetic activities and active play at break will not be permitted.

Key Stage 3 Awards Evening

The Awards Evening, originally scheduled for Monday evening, will now take place during the school day on Monday morning. I am afraid we cannot accommodate parents/carers to this event, but we will capture the celebration and share photographs with prize winners, should you so wish.

Year 10 Work Experience

For those Year 10 students currently on work experience, the employers will make decisions about what actions, if any, they will be putting in place next week.

Wednesday 20 July 2022

We will return to normal expectations for the last day of the Summer Term, unless of course the weather forecast changes over the next few days.

If there are any significant changes over the coming days, or guidance is issued that requires a change to our planned arrangements, I will communicate further.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours faithfully,



Euan Ferguson
Headteacher

