

17th December 2024

Dear Families,

I hope that this letter finds you well. We have had an incredibly positive term at school and thank you as always for your support with this. I will send out our Autumn 2 newsletter before we break for the holiday so you can get a flavour of the many wonderful events that have taken place at Swakeleys this term. Friday 20th December is a non-uniform day and we will be holding a collection for Save the Children which was chosen by the student Charities subcommittee. A reminder that on Friday 20th December **Year 7 finish at 12.15pm** and **Years 8-13 finish at 12.25pm**.

Uniform: On the whole we are pleased with pupils' uniform – thank you for your support. Can I remind you that students should have a waterproof coat (of any colour) in school with them every day. We are having a focus on the length of pupils' skirts and a reminder that skirts should be an A-line or pleated skirt from WS Sports no more than 8cms above or below the knee. We urge you to work with your child to follow the uniform expectations to avoid sanctions being given. [Please click here to view the uniform policy](#)

Dates for your diary – Spring term 1:

- Careers fortnight takes place upon our return to school in January. As part of this the careers fair takes place on Wednesday 15th January and we have 37 different providers from a range of business, higher education, health, media and many more. As part of careers fortnight Year 11 students will have a range of activities in relation to sixth form – The schedule is available in the newsletter. [Please click here to see the Year 11 Key Dates sheet](#)
- There is a careers coffee morning on Tuesday 7th January from 9-10am and this is open to any parent who would like to meet our careers advisor and learn about pathways at 14, 16 and 18. Please see the separate letter sent home about this
- Year 8 parents evening is between 4pm and 7.30pm on Thursday 16th January (via Schoolcloud)
- Year 11 parents evening is between 4pm and 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd January (via Schoolcloud)
- Celebration afternoon takes place on Tuesday 28th January – please note that **school ends at 12.25pm** on the 28th January for all students
- The school production of Bugsy Malone takes place at 7pm on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February
- Half term is the week of the 17th February 2025

Please note that following Government recommendations our attendance policy has been updated. [You can read the updated version by clicking here](#) Further details will be shared with you in January.

I do hope that you are able to have a break with your family over the holiday period. We look forward to welcoming your children back to school for the Spring term at the normal time of 8.30am on Monday 6th January 2025.

Yours faithfully,



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