



Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the final letter of this half term in what has been an exceptionally turbulent time across the country. Our Y12 and Y13 students are certainly studying A-Level politics at a pivotal time in history. For schools across the country, budget issues dominate with unfunded teacher and support staff wage increases and astronomical energy costs changing balanced budgets into significant deficits. With the support of the Areté Learning Trust Board, we are navigating our way through this at the moment with a strong focus on ensuring it doesn't compromise teaching and learning for our students. Ultimately, we hope that - when the government is stable enough to facilitate it - more funding is given to schools to bridge the gaps.

Quick read

- On Friday 14th October, all students in Y8 took part in a workshop planned by the British Heart Foundation and delivered by local paramedics and police officers.
- This Tuesday and Wednesday, we were visited by the School of Sex Education who delivered assemblies and workshops to all students in school as part of our extended **LIFE** curriculum.
- Thank you to all of the parents/carers who attended our work experience information evening on Monday night. The students had a follow up assembly about Work Experience on Thursday so everyone should be clear on what to expect.
- We would like to remind you that Y11 Formal Assessments commence on Monday 7th November for two weeks.
- Y11 and Y13 parents' evenings are coming up next half term (dates at the bottom of this letter). You will receive your invites to the event just after the half term break and we look forward to seeing you there.

Longer read

Restart a Heart

On Friday 14th October, all students in Y8 took part in a workshop planned by the British Heart Foundation and delivered by local paramedics and police officers. Students came down to the hall in small groups and were taught how to perform CPR and about how to find, access and use defibrillators in public places. The students were a credit to themselves, to the school and to you as their parents/carers, and it was humbling to see how seriously they all took the event.





The volunteers also very kindly stayed behind to deliver a refresher session to the staff in school and it was great to see so many of our staff giving up their time to learn this important and quite literally life saving skill.

Sex Education

This Tuesday and Wednesday, we were visited by the School of Sex Education who delivered assemblies and workshops to all students in school as part of our extended **LIFE** curriculum. Y11 students attended consent workshops on Tuesday and then on Wednesday, students in all other year groups attended assemblies in the main hall. The workshops were informative, engaging, thought-provoking and relevant and we were really impressed with the way in which the speakers dealt with some quite challenging topics.

Our students - your children - were a credit to themselves, to the school and to you on the day. The speakers commented on their maturity, their thirst for knowledge and the high quality of their questions. Thank you for helping us to prepare them for this day.

Y12 Work Experience

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who attended our work experience information evening on Monday night. The students had a follow up assembly about Work Experience on Thursday, but if you missed the event and would like more information please don't hesitate to contact our careers advisor Ms Stirling (m.stirling@stokesleyschool.org) who will be happy to talk to you about next steps.

Y11 Formal Assessments

Mrs Darbyshire wrote to Y11 parents/carers last week with a key information update. This is just a quick reminder that Y11 Formal Assessments commence on Monday 7th November for two weeks. Students have been advised by their teachers regarding what they need to revise over coming weeks.

Y11 and Y13 Parents' Evenings

You will have received a letter from Mrs Darbyshire last week detailing our Y7-13 Parental Journey which provides the key points of contact for parents/carers over your child's seven year journey as part of our school community. As part of our commitment to keep you up to date, we thought it prudent to ask parents/carers in Y11 and Y13 to note the dates listed below for your upcoming parents' evenings. You will receive your invites to the event just after the half term break and we look forward to seeing you there.





Dates for your diary

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| 24th - 28th October | - | Half Term holiday |
| 7th - 18th November | - | Y11 formal assessments |
| 14th November | - | Y10 Geography fieldwork trip to Newcastle |
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| 24th November | - | Y13 Parents' Evening: 3.30 - 6.30pm |
| 25th November | - | PD Day (no students in school) |
| Wk comm 28th November | - | - Y7,8 & 9 PRP1 reports sent home |
| Wk comm 5th December | - | - Y10, 12 PRP1 reports sent home |
| 8th December | - | Y11 Parents' Evening: 3.30 - 6.30pm |
| 9th December | - | Christmas Jumper Day |
| 16th December | - | End of Term |

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H. L. Millett
Headteacher

