

Principal's Bulletin, Term 2 2018/19

Dear Parent/Carer

As the long Autumn Term draws to a close, I know that we are looking forward to the Christmas period when hopefully the students and staff can take a well-deserved break. We are just coming to the end of our Panto season which has seen students present their production of Jack and the Beanstalk to packed and appreciative audiences, from the local community, primary schools, parents and friends. This season we have hosted over 1600 people and I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Mrs Hayes-Watkins and the Performing Arts Team.

Mock Results Day

I would like to congratulate all Year 11 and 13 students who have completed their mock exams. This is a very important experience for all students and teachers to ensure all are prepared for the final exams and any gaps in students' knowledge can be addressed before the summer. From the start of Term 3 there are 73 school days until the first GCSE exam.

Mock Interviews

Year 10 and 11 had their 'Mock Interviews' in November to practice their interview technique. Over 20 local employers attended the event as interviewers and praised students for their preparation. Our students have been looking at their feedback and discussing how their interview went in their Impact Learning lessons, along with identifying ways that they can improve their techniques for the future.

Punctuality and Uniform code

At this time of year, with the harsh weather please can we ask that students are wearing appropriate winter coats in line with the school dress code. All outside clothing must be removed as students enter the building and should not be worn during the day – this applies to all year groups. Attached is a copy of the Uniform Code for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

Please can I remind you that students are expected on site for 8:25am for the 8:30am start, failure to do so will have a negative effect on attendance and achievement. If students are late to school without genuine reason, sanctions will be applied. I would also like to remind you that students should not arrive at Goodwin before 8.00am, this is when breakfast club starts and students should only be using the Dining Hall area.

Term Dates

Please find below a reminder of the term dates until the end of the Academic Year.

Term 3	Monday 7 th January – Friday 15 th February 2019
Term 4	Monday 25 th February – Friday 5 th April 2019
Term 5	Tuesday 23 rd April – Friday 24 th May 2019
Term 6	Monday 3 rd June – Tuesday 23 rd July 2019

Upcoming events

Year 9 Parents Evening	Thursday 17 th January 2019 – 3.30pm
Year 12 & 13 Parents Evening	Thursday 31 st January 2019 – 3.30pm
Year 8 & 9 Options Evening	Thursday 7 th February 2019 – 5.00pm

Staff Farewells

We say farewell to the following staff at the end of Term and I would like to wish them all the very best for their future careers and thank them for their hard work and commitment to Goodwin Academy. Mr A Brown (Assistant Principal), Miss L Berduig (Teacher of MFL), Mr P Leonard (Assistant Head of Faculty – Humanities), Mr J Morgan (Head of Computing and Media), Mrs J Cyman (Head of PE & Performing Arts) and Miss G Reeves (Safeguarding Officer).

We also say farewell to Mrs P Goodwin (Head of Mathematics) and Mr R Mortley (Teacher of Mathematics) who will both be retiring, we wish them both a long and happy retirement.

New Staff Welcomes

We are pleased to announce the following appointments:

- Mr C Kitchener Assistant Principal
- Mr J Sharman PE Teacher (Jan – April 2019)
- Miss N Landy Cover Supervisor
- Mrs G Herbert Cover Supervisor (Jan – April 2019)
- Mrs J Robinson Receptionist

Internal Appointments

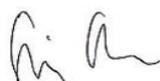
- Mrs R Moon Associate Leader – Teaching & Learning
- Mrs D Bradford Associate Leader – Teaching & Learning
- Mrs E Huttley Head of Mathematics
- Mrs C Hayes-Watkins Head of PE & Performing Arts
- Mr N Barnes More Able Co-ordinator
- Mrs A Wild Safeguarding Officer
- Miss C Dore Attendance & Admissions Officer
- Miss M Carleton Child in Care Co-ordinator (Maternity Cover)

Due to these staffing changes, the timetable has been rewritten for Term 3. Students will receive their new timetable on Monday 7th January. This will still be a 2-week timetable and we will be starting on Week B.

On behalf of the governors, Thinking School Academy Trust and the staff at Goodwin Academy, I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you, as parents and carers, for your continued support. The success of any school is a team effort, with students, parents and staff all working together to ensure the best outcomes for our young people.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Smith
Principal