



TDMS

Wednesday 10 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a superb first week back. Students not only looked smart and were excellently behaved, their attitude to learning was excellent last week as well. On Thursday it is Remembrance Day and although we are unable to do the human poppy this year, we will be taking some time to pause and reflect. Many of the feelings and emotions faced by the second world war generation have echoes for us all today. Shortages of goods, feelings of social isolation, separated families, fear of the unknown and of being forgotten. The pandemic has seen us all, communities and countries, pull together to face a common foe and an entire nation relying on the service personnel and public servants for help and support. This week we will be talking to students about giving thanks to those who have sacrificed their lives so that we can live in peace as well as recognising and giving thanks to those that continue to support us so that we can stay healthy and go about our day to day lives.

Behaviour

Last week we began our C2 lunch detentions at lunchtime. Students have their lunch and go to the toilet before they serve their C2 detention. The aim of the lunchtime detention was to reduce the number of students that needed to stay after school, especially as the evenings become darker. We are pleased that the change has gone smoothly with the majority of detentions sat during the day rather than after school. Although initially our students were concerned about the loss of their social time during the day, as last week progressed more of them realised the advantage of completing the detention during the day, meaning they were able to go home on time at the end of the day. The loss of social time has also served as a deterrent to students as well as students being able to start the next day a fresh.

What if...?

This week as part of our tutor plan we are covering the question 'What if I need help in lessons?'. Asking questions in lessons is essential for learning and we want to encourage all of our students to ask questions to support their learning. During the pastoral sessions, we have talked about the right question at the right time. Questions at the start of the lesson or when the teacher is talking will disrupt the lesson, as will questions that are not related to the content that is being covered in the lesson. Questions that are about the work being covered in the lesson, when the students are working on their independent practice are encouraged as it will help them to understand the work that is being covered in the lesson.

Sixth Form Open Evening

The Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 11 November from 6-8pm. If your child is in Year 11 then please sign up to the subject presentations you wish to attend here [Sixth Form - Opening Evening 2021 \(Page 1 of 2\) \(office.com\)](#) This is a great opportunity for students to find out vital information about the range of subjects they can study next year. There will also be people from outside agencies available to give information advice and guidance. We can't wait to see you there!

Improvements to the school site

Earlier in the term I let you know that we had been successful in our School Improvement Fund (SIF) bid to provide new fire doors throughout the site and repair a number of the roofs. We were hoping to have this work completed during the summer, but due to difficulties obtaining the building materials the work had been postponed. The work to repair the roofs now has a start date. From Monday 15 November, scaffolding needed to repair the roofs will begin to be put up. Unfortunately, this will mean that the bottom gate will be in out of use for students. Although the bottom gate will still be accessible in an emergency, it will not be suitable to be used as a main thoroughfare until the work has been completed. From Monday 15 November, we will be asking all students to enter and leave the site via the top gates.

Influenza (Nasal Flu) Immunisation on 24 November - Years 6 - 11

Reminder: The completed consent forms need to be returned to school by 12 November. Students were given a papercopy last week but spare forms can be collected from Reception.

Parent/Carer forum

The next meeting will be on 17 November at 6:30pm. We would like to talk to you about mental health and what we are doing to support our students. We will be joined by Louise Hudson, our Education Mental Health Practitioner, who will be talking to you about her role and the support she will be providing. We will also be sharing information with you about the changes we will be making to the uniform moving forward, in particular the focus on reducing the cost and a possible recycling scheme. Although we will be changing the logo on the uniform, we will not be asking families to buy new until their child has grown out of their current uniform. Please email me at parents@tdms.worcs.sch.uk if you would like to attend and let me know what you would like to discuss.

Letters

[Careers Education Information](#)

[Children in Need and Caring Hands in the Vale](#)

[Community support networks](#)

[Four Stones Year 11 Revision parent advice booklet](#)

[Mocks](#)

[Year 9 homework](#)

[Year 6 Pantomime Trip](#)

[Year 7 and 8 homework](#)

[Year 9 homework](#)

Keeping you up to date

Did you know we use social media as another way of keeping you up to date with what's going on? We post updates, reminders and regular messages praising and showcasing the work of our students' amazing efforts. Follow us on Twitter: **@TDMS_Evesham**, Facebook: **@TDMS.evesham** and Instagram: **@tdms.evesham**

Thank you again for all of your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on 'parents@tdms.worcs.sch.uk'.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Allen
Headteacher

School calendar for the next two weeks

Thursday 11 November -	Sixth Form Open Evening
Wednesday 17 November -	GCSE Spanish speaking mock exam Parent/carers forum 6.30pm
Monday 22 November -	Y11 mock examinations begin (2 weeks)
Wednesday 24 November -	Flu Vaccination for all students

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