



9th February 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

Well done on completing the half-term!

This week, we are celebrating our amazing Post 16 pupils who have successfully passed their first Level 1 BSL (British Sign Language) exam. We are very fortunate that we are able to offer this opportunity to learn a second 'language' and we are supported in its delivery by Ruth and Kirsten from Sandwell Deaf Community Association (SDCA). We are really proud at how well our pupils have tackled their lessons and how much progress they have all made. Keep up the fantastic work everyone!

I know a number of parents have been in touch regarding Parent Evenings and an opportunity to speak to our teachers about your child's progress. Our pupils do have 'regular' reviews, and we try not to put on too many additional meetings. However, due to the number of enquiries we have decided to open parents evening up to all pupils, rather than just our usual *targeted* evenings for year 11 and year 9.

The dates for these are;

Year 11: 20th March- The aim of this meeting is to ensure we are all working together to ensure their best possible outcomes.

Year 9: 17th **April** – The aim of this meeting is to ensure students are supported in making the right option choices for their future plans.

Year 7, 8 & 10: 26th April Albright Plus: 26th April

More information will follow shortly.

Again, I would like to draw your attention to the Measles information that I shared last week. There is a big push on vaccinations in the region at the moment in an attempt to reduce the transmission of what can be a very unpleasant illness. Vaccinations mean that children are 99% protected (with both vaccines). We have added some more information about this to our website under the parent's section - please have a look and if you have any questions about it, do get in touch. Vaccinations are free and safe and means that we can keep all our children well.

Finally, I want to wish you all a happy, healthy and safe half-term break. I know it has only been a short one... but I think we have crammed such a lot in, we are in definite need of a break! We are back on Monday 19th February - please ensure uniform is washed and ready to go and any half-term tasks are completed!

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Take care, Mrs Hazelwood



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