



# ASH MANOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are now halfway through the GCSE examinations and I am delighted to tell you that the Year 11 students have displayed an exemplary attitude towards these examinations. They are working hard with their teachers in lessons and immersion sessions and are entering the exam hall with confidence and a positivity. I am so very proud of our Year 11 students.

Each day, when I walk around the school, it is clear to see that all other year groups are also working incredibly hard. This is something echoed by my staff too. Behaviour has been excellent; 69% of our student body have not had a single behaviour point with 83% having no more than a single point in the half term. Staff have issued over 30,000 praise points since Easter, which shows what a positive attitude our students display towards their learning. We also have 90% of our students completing every homework task issued this half term. I am very proud of my students and I am sure that you too are proud of your children.

Up to this point, we have 710 students with attendance at 95% or higher since September, which means that they have been accessing high-quality learning throughout the year. It is really important to remember that attendance is directly linked to student progress, wellbeing and outcomes, so I ask that you continue to support us in getting your children into school as frequently as possible, so that they can achieve their very best.

It has been a really busy half term for everyone with so many things going on. Year 11 have had French and Spanish Orals, practical exams in Food, Art, Photography, Textiles, Product Design and Drama and formal moderation of the PE practical grades. Year 9 languages students have now completed their FCSE examination portfolios and the marks have been submitted to the exam board. We look forward to getting the grades back, showing how well they have done. The CCF have had a weekend training camp and have started sailing on Hawley Lake for the summer season. Our Duke of Edinburgh practice expeditions have been successfully completed and I would like to congratulate the students and thank the staff who gave up their weekend. We have competed in a range of sporting events, including the District Swimming Gala and the District Athletics trials and our GCSE Year 10 cyclists have been on a two day course to secure a top grade for their GCSEs next year. Our Student Masterchef competition is well under way on Tuesday evenings and the standard is incredible. Our Performing Arts Departments are working hard to make the summer musical production of Bugsy Malone excellent and House Drama showed off the talent of the students here in Ash Manor School.

We finished the term with our Year 10 students completing their assessment with an audience present – a fantastic evening. Our Year 7 and 8 mathematicians participated in the UKMT Maths Challenge and the new Surrey Maths School visited to speak with our Year 9 and 10 mathematicians to share what they have to offer for the future. We are very lucky to be working so closely with Surrey University's Widening Participation Team. They have given so many opportunities to our students with online study support, an SSLT team building day, academic visits, internal intervention and talks delivered by university staff to students, family orientated extra-curricular activities and the offer of so many more programmes that we intend to take up in the future. It is fantastic that Surrey University are willing to support us in this way and I hope that anyone offered an opportunity will accept.

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I wrote to you recently and asked you to complete a survey regarding the length of the school day here in Ash Manor School. 288 parents completed the survey and the majority view was that we should not change the schedule that we currently operate. The decision has been made to maintain our current school timings with the caveat that if the guidance becomes statutory we will have to consult again and make a change. This decision has been ratified by the Governing Body. Thank you to those parents and carers who took the time to respond.

Vouchers for those families in receipt of free school meals have been sent to cover the half term period. As always, these will be delivered electronically so please check your email.

Our pre-loved uniform will be available in main reception on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May from 10am – 3pm. Please come along if you need items of uniform. Lost property will also be available at those times prior to us disposing of it. If anyone has a uniform item that they no longer need, please hand it in to reception at any point and we will ensure that it finds a new home. Alternatively, bring it along when you come to select some pre-loved items and put it into the correct area. In that way we can all continue to support each other.

I would be grateful if all students could check their timetables on SatchelOne ahead of their return on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. There have been a few minor changes and these may mean different teachers or different rooms so please check carefully, remembering to refresh the page.

Please remember that this is a short break, so investing in additional piercings is not advisable as they are unlikely to heal in a week, but we will require them to be removed. I would be grateful if all parents could support the school by ensuring that their children have removed their acrylic nails, nail polish, false eyelashes and additional earrings before they leave for school in the morning. It really helps us to maintain a positive environment.

I hope that you have an enjoyable and restful half term break. I look forward to welcoming your children back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June for the last half term of this academic year.

Yours sincerely



**Ms A Bailey**  
Headteacher