



13 October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**October Holiday and Start of the School Day**

I am writing to give you information about the October holiday and an update about the arrangements for the start of the school day.

Firstly, I would like to remind you that the school closes for the October holiday on Friday 15 October at 12.20pm. We will reopen to pupils for the start of the new term on Tuesday 26 October.

When we return after the October holiday, we will revert back to **all** pupils in S1 to S6 having Tutor in the morning which means that all pupils will start school at the same time. This means that the first bell will sound at 8.25am and all pupils should make their way to their Tutor group which will start at 8.30am. The timings for the remainder of the day will not change. The vast majority of our pupils are still in the school grounds from this earlier time but I appreciate that some pupils will need to re-adjust to the earlier start time so please get those alarm clocks at the ready!

There is no doubt that our young people have made the most of this term whilst still dealing with the restrictions that COVID dictates we must work under. It has been a pleasure for us to re-introduce more experiences since the start of term and see things like extra-curricular clubs and day trips start to return. We hope to continue to move in this direction as the year progresses.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a pleasant and relaxing holiday and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Colin Meikle  
Headteacher