



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Headteacher's Weekly Update

I hope that everyone had a good half-term. Last week's Belgium trip was a big success (although a little soggy due to the weather) and I am very grateful that staff would give up their holiday to give the students such a great experience.

### New Dining Room Opens Monday

It is very exciting to share that the new dining room will open to students on Monday. It is a lovely modern space that all students will be able to use during break and lunch. Sixth Formers will have use of the dining room during lessons as a café style work space. This is the first part of the multi-year investment project to be completed in partnership with Wokingham Borough Council. More updates will follow with the next phases of the planned works.

### Year 11 Exams

The students have had fantastic first week of exams, their conduct and focus has been excellent. Exams will continue next week. If you would like any advice about supporting your child please contact us:

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We will continue to give Year 11 students canteen priority next week to support them during a very busy and potentially stressful time.

### WBC Consultation

Organisations from across Wokingham Borough have come together to agree a long-term vision for the area and they would like as much involvement from residents as possible. The council is hosting a webpage for this work on its community engagement platform for the community vision steering group and all of the partners involved. This vision will set out what sort of place we all want the borough to be; what are the most important things we need to do to ensure a great quality of life for everybody in the community. There is a survey for residents so for more information or to contribute please use [this link](#).

### Careers Update

As part of our careers program this week, we welcomed the Atomic Weapons Establishment. They gave a presentation to all our Year 9 students, covering the different jobs and roles they have and the benefits and learning routes for students within the establishment. Our Year 9 students displayed a brilliant engagement throughout and we hope they have shared what they learned with you.

- Careerpilot Webinar: an online event that will take parents and carers through the choices available to students after Year 11, and beyond. The event will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm via [this link](#).



- Discover BP Apprenticeships: a virtual event for Year 10-13 students taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> November from 6.30pm. It will include sessions with industry experts and current apprentices from BP, who will provide invaluable insight and advice and answer questions. Use this [link to register](#).

I hope that you have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

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