

7th July 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the end of the academic year I would like to update you regarding a number of matters.

First of all, I would like to thank everybody who attended our Grease production this week. This is the first of its kind at the school and it was wonderful to see our community coming together to support our talented pupils. The bar has been set for future productions, of which I am sure there will be many.

Thank you to all parents that engaged with our "Parent Evening" consultation and for completing the online survey. We have taken your thoughts and suggestions on board and our approach next year will be as follows – Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11 Parents' Evening will be face to face in the school. Other evenings will continue using School Cloud. The school is also hoping to provide parents with an IT facility to ask teachers questions before the evening. This will enable appointments to be more efficient. Please remember that the school also provides information regarding what your child is studying on our [website](#).

I would be most grateful if you could complete the [survey](#). Your answers will help inform me regarding what next year the school needs to improve.

Finally, I would like to confirm arrangements for the last week of term. On Monday 18th July, pupils will follow their normal timetables and should attend school in full uniform. Monday will be a normal Monday! I can confirm that all pupils will take part in a sponsored trek on Tuesday 19th July for Years 7 and 9, and Wednesday 20th July for Years 8 and 10. Pupils will leave from school and walk around Damflask reservoir. This is approximately 10 miles over easy terrain. The walk will have marshalled check points, water points, Portaloos and First Aid stations. There will also be a tuck shop on route. Pupils will need to bring a small amount of money should they wish to purchase anything from the tuck shop.

Pupils are asked to bring the following on the day of their trek:

- A rucksack
- Suitable walking footwear, e.g. thick socks, boots or sturdy training shoes
- A packed lunch
- Sun cream
- Sun hat

- 2 litres of bottled water
- A waterproof jacket

Pupils will walk in year groups and must not pass the front leading member of staff or fall behind the “back marker” member of staff. Pupils may be given discretion to walk with friends outside of their form. The route is largely shaded and should reduce the need to cancel the event due to hot and inclement weather. Parents of children with medical needs should contact school as soon as possible to ensure their child can safely take part in this event. The email address is firstaid@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk

I would appreciate it if you could emphasise the following points with your child:

- Always follow the instructions of staff
- Keep to the designated route
- Keep on the pavement, no more than two abreast and don't walk in the road
- Only cross the road at the designated points
- Follow the country and highway code
- Don't drop litter

It is hoped that pupils will raise a minimum of £10 each and this should be paid to school via ParentPay during the last week of term. Money raised will go towards local charities selected by pupils.

Pupils may return early from the trek and will be dismissed from 2pm. If this is not suitable for younger pupils please contact the school.

During the last week, pupils will also take part in a school Sports Day on either Tuesday 19th or Wednesday 20th July 2022. All pupils will take part in traditional track and field events along with other sporting activities. This will ensure the enjoyment of all and still maintain a competitive element.

Each year group will attend our very own Forge Fest! Forget about Download or Glasto!! This festival is organised largely by Prefects and School Council. Pupils will be invited to attend a live music event for 2 hours where they will enjoy an eclectic mix of pop bands and artists including the school's very own Spice Girls! There will also be stalls, a bio-degradable Glitter Bar, festival food, including ice cream and hotdogs, and games. The stalls will be run by enterprising pupils. Pupils should bring no more than £10 to spend on the day.

When pupils aren't taking part in activities, they will take part in lessons delivered by form tutors from their year group. Teachers are currently planning lessons on topics not typically found on the curriculum. Detailed timetables will be shared with pupils.

Attendance has fallen over the last few weeks so it is therefore vital that pupils maintain high levels of attendance over the remaining two weeks of term.

I hope you agree that the final week will be a purposeful and enjoyable end to the academic year. Please support us by ensuring that the above is discussed with your child.

From Tuesday 19th July, pupils will be in non-uniform, however those pupils taking lessons as normal due to poor behaviour will be required to wear school uniform. **Pupils will start being dismissed from 12.15pm on Thursday 21st July 2022.**

Timetable of events week commencing 18th July 2022:

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 18 th July	Y7 – Y10	Lessons as normal and pupils in school uniform
Tuesday 19 th July	Y7 & Y9	Trek
	Y8	Sports Day (am) / Forge Fest (pm)
	Y10	Forge Fest (am) / Sports Day (pm)
Wednesday 20 th July	Y8 & Y10	Trek
	Y7	Sports Day (am) / Forge Fest (pm)
	Y9	Forge Fest (am) / Sports Day (pm)
Thursday 21 st July	Y7 – Y10	Rewards Assemblies
Friday 22 nd July	SCHOOL CLOSED	

I would finally like to wish you all a great summer and thank you all for being so engaged and supportive with the school.

Yours faithfully,



Dale Barrowclough
Headteacher