



St Francis of Assisi Catholic College

Newsletter - 25/06/2021

Already this has been an exciting half term and as you turn over the page I have listed some of the points for us to celebrate as a community. At this time of the year much work is going into preparing for being 'September-ready' but we equally have to stay focussed on the high standards of teaching and learning and overall support each day. The care, love and support I see in so many interactions daily are unrivalled. When things go wrong we can always correct together and this is integral to the faith and mission of our school.

Below, please find the school dates for the coming academic year.

School Dates 2021/ 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2nd September - INSET Day 1 (Students do not attend)

Friday 3rd September - INSET Day 1 (Students do not attend)

Monday 6th September – Year 7 and Year 12 only

Tuesday 7th September- All students attend

Friday 22nd October – Half term for students begins at 15:30

Monday 1st November - All students to attend school

Thursday 16th December- End of term for students at 15:30

Friday 17th December- INSET Day 3 (Students do not attend)

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January – All students to attend school

Friday 18th February - Half term for students begins at 15:30

Monday 28th February - All students to attend school

Thursday 8th April - End of term for students and staff at 13:25

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April - All students to attend school

Monday 2nd May – School closed for Bank Holiday

Friday 27th May - Half term for students begins at 15:30

Monday 6th June - All students to attend school

Friday 22nd July - End of term for students and staff at 13:25

INSET days 4 and 5 (when students will not attend school) are still to be assigned to the calendar but these are currently held in reserve to allow for some flexibility depending on changes in-year which may not yet be predictable.

Celebration and achievement

- 364 hours of volunteering has been completed between April 2020 and March 2021 by our Duke of Edinburgh participants. This amounts to £1656.20 hours of social value! Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement of everyone involved.
- This week we welcomed (at the time of writing) 6 chicks in Emmaus– Please have a look at Facebook for photos. A development we have not had before but a well thought out and executed strategy. We are undoubtedly in the business of learning but there is also no doubt in my mind that having a space of calm and nurture supports a number of our students so it is great to see we are open to all strategies.
- In the last two weeks we have successfully appointed a Staff Well Being Lead, which builds upon the Welfare Team we have in school for students, a Team of Coaches in school to constantly support teachers with their craft and we have a new pastoral team starting in September also.
- To follow on from this, we only have one substantive member of staff leaving SFA this year. This level of consistency for students is excellent and is a sign for our whole community that we are working well together.
- There were 5028 achievement points awarded this week across Years 7-10 and Year 12 students. An unbelievably positive amount and well deserved.
- Years 10 and 12 are working well during their mock exam season.
- 100 Year 11 students have returned to us this week as part of an introduction to Sixth Form, trialling their subject choices, ready to start in September.

All of this and I haven't even mentioned Sports Day which will feature in the final Newsletter on the 16th July when we break up.

Literacy Words of the week

Potential

Definition:
Having or showing the capacity to develop into something in the future

*In a sentence:
If I work hard, I can achieve my potential*

Participate

Definition:
To take part in.

*In a sentence:
I will get more out of lessons if I participate in them more.*

Calendar and Up coming events...

- Tuesday 29th June– Year 9 vaccinations (not Covid related)
- Tuesday 6th July– New Staff induction day (ready for September)
- Friday 16th July– Break for the Summer holidays
- Thursday 2nd September - INSET Day 1 (Students do not attend)
- Friday 3rd September - INSET Day 1 (Students do not attend)
- Monday 6th September – Year 7 and Year 12 only
- Tuesday 7th September- All students attend