



31st March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well. I write to you as we approach the end of the second term of this academic year.

This term it has been wonderful to see the learners participate in so many different activities both inside and outside the classroom. There have been many examples of sporting success, engagement in drama and music, community activities and participation in national events to name but a few. This week we have also been able to enjoy Sixth Form Charity Week. This has been an opportunity for the whole school to come together to raise money for 'Choose Love' a charity which will support those affected by the current situation in Ukraine. We will update you on the total raised as soon as we know but it looks like it could be a very considerable amount. I would like to thank the Sixth Form for all their hard work in organising such a successful week.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your support during the last term. As we have transitioned from COVID measures in school, we have appreciated your support in ensuring that the school remains safe for all our learners.

General update

As you will no doubt be aware, we are expecting new guidance from the Government on 'Living with Covid'. As yet, this information has not been received. As soon as it is, I will communicate our plans moving forward. Whilst we have seen varying levels of infections across the school during this half term, we have been able to continue to provide learning and teaching throughout the term. This has been challenging at times and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff in the school for their continued efforts to ensure we provide our learners with the very best.

Year Ten Parents' Evening

Just a reminder that there is an online Parents' Evening for Year 10 this evening. The details for this have already been sent to parents of learners in Year 10. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the school using the admin@uptonhigh.co.uk email address.

Spring Break Household Support Fund

With the aid of Household Support Funding, which we have received via Cheshire West & Chester Council, we are pleased to advise that Tesco gift cards, valued at £70 each, will be issued to parents on Monday 28th March. This funding is in lieu of free school meals for your child(ren) over the Easter holiday break.

The vast majority of gift cards will be released by email, direct from the Tesco email account tescogiftcards@cashstar.com. Some gift cards will be posted via recorded delivery. If you have not received your gift card, either via email or through the post by the end of this week, please email finance@uptonhigh.co.uk and we will investigate and resolve the matter for you.

Spring Break Revision Sessions

During the spring break, we are running a number of revision sessions to support learners in Year 11 and Year 13. These sessions have been planned to help learners with their revision and support learners in building knowledge, skills and understanding in preparation for the summer examinations. All parents will have received information from Mrs Bradbury – Director of Learning and Teaching. Should you have any questions please contact the school on admin@uptonhigh.co.uk

Uniform

Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring your child attends school in the appropriate uniform.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that our policy also states that we do not allow any piercings, except a single pair of plain studs. In addition, hair must not be dyed anything other than a natural colour. Can you also ensure that any acrylic/gel nails applied over the Easter holidays are removed before returning to school on the 19th April, as these are also not permitted. Thank you for supporting us in maintaining our high standards in relation to uniform it is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

L. Cummins