



Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you all managed to have an enjoyable spring break. It has been wonderful to welcome all of our learners back to school.

It is hard to believe that we are already at the beginning of the third and final term of this academic year. Every year seems to go slightly faster than the one before. The purpose of my letter is just to remind you of some of the key events for the term ahead and update you on some of the things going on in school.

Events for this half term.

Please find below a reminder of all the events that will be taking place in school over the coming half term.

Date	Event
Monday 22 nd April 3.30pm-4.30pm	KS4 Wellbeing Event
Thursday 25 th April	Year 12 Parent's Evening (Virtual by appointment)
Tuesday 30 th April	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations (consent required – see letter from Mrs Bradbury)
Thursday 2 nd May 6pm-7pm	Florida Trip Parent Meeting (2024)
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School closed
Tuesday 7 th and Wednesday 8 th May	Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Training
Thursday 23 rd May	Year 7 Parent's Evening (Virtual by appointment)
Thursday 23 rd May 4.30pm-6pm	A Level Art Exhibition
Friday 24 th May	School closes to learners at the normal time of 3.10pm

As always, further details will be shared with you as we approach each event.

Examinations Year 11 and Year 13

For all our learners in year 11 and Year 13 their examinations will start in the next few weeks. Mrs Bradbury, Deputy Headteacher (Standards and Curriculum) has written to parents / carers of Year 11 and Year 13 early this week to make sure everyone has all the information they require to ensure that learners can be as successful as possible. We are certain that both of these year groups will do themselves proud during the forthcoming examination season.

Attendance

Attendance to school is so very important. Here at Upton-by-Chester High School we have been recognised as being in the top 10% of similar school and schools nationally for our rate of attendance. This is something we are proud of and know that we have only achieved this success due to the effective partnership between school, parents / carers and learners. Every day in school really does matter and we appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring all learners attend school every day that they can.

School Rebuilding Programme.

As you are aware the school was selected, in July 2022, to be part of the next phase of the schools rebuilding programme. Since that time the Governors and I have been working on plans to ensure that Upton-by-Chester High School has facilities which match our ambition for every

learner in the school. We are still working on those plans with the DfE and I hope that we will be able to share further details with you in the near future.

It has taken some time to get to this point but I can assure you we are working to make sure that learners now, and in the future have the very best facilities at Upton-by-Chester High School.

Admissions for September 2024/25

Once again Upton-by-Chester High school has received a record number of applications for places in the 2024/25 academic year. It is lovely that so many families would like their child to be part of our school community. We look forward to welcoming these learners over the coming weeks and months before they start their journey with us in September 2024.

Weekly Parent Bulletin and Website

Over the last half term, we have been working to update our website and create a more user-friendly parent bulletin. We are hoping to launch both of these changes in the coming half term and will keep you updated with progress and particularly the launch of the new website. We hope this will make it easier to find important information about the school.

Contacting School

Home school communication is important to us at Upton-by-Chester High School. For most communication, you would contact the form tutor in the first instance.

In each year group we have a team of staff made up of a Head of Year and a Pastoral Support Manager. They can be contacted via email or through the main school phone number 01244 259800. Their details are shown below:

Year Group	Head of Year	Pastoral Support Manager	Email Contact
7	Mrs J Dey	Mrs A Wynne	Year7@uptonhigh.co.uk
8	Mr S Togher	Mrs S Maxwell	Year8@uptonhigh.co.uk
9	Mr S Wearden	Mrs C Mcleod	Year9@uptonhigh.co.uk
10	Mr J Quirk	Miss C Carter	Year10@uptonhigh.co.uk
11	Mr M Jones	Mrs D Bowen	Year11@uptonhigh.co.uk
12	Miss R Simpson	Mrs T Stickels	Year12@uptonhigh.co.uk
13	Mr P Lewis	Mrs T Stickels	Year13@uptonhigh.co.uk

I look forward to an enjoyable summer term filled with many successes.

Yours faithfully,

L Cummins
Headteacher

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