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15th January 2018

Head's Message

I am pleased to report that the new term has started very positively. Year 11 and 13 pupils have already begun their mock exams.

Last week we were visited by our New Regional Principal, Mr Wallace Robinson, who takes over from Mr Matt Collins. Wallace brings with him a wealth of experience in a wide range of educational aspects including a stint on the board of one of the first multi-academy trusts to be set-up in the UK. We look forward to a fruitful relationship now Wallace will be our key link with One School UK.

We also welcomed Mrs Jeanette Harlow to our Dunstable team this term as she joins the English department as a part-time teacher. I am sure that she will be supported by all in our school community as she gets to grips with the One School culture.

I am sure you will be very sorry to learn that Mrs Crookell-Slade will be leaving us at February half-term after more than 10 years committed service to One School Dunstable Campus. I know that it was not an easy decision for her but she feels that now is the right time to explore a new chapter in her career. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in her future endeavours.

100% Attendance Competition

After only a week and two days of the new term the number of pupils till with 100% is already down to 160....

Unfortunately this has brought our overall attendance figure for the school year down to 96.4%. There is a lot of seasonal illness about which really cannot be helped but once this passes let's all rise to the challenge and do our bit to get this figure back up again!

Parent Challenge

Try asking your son or daughter what their minimum expected target is in each subject...certainly in Years 5/6 and above they should be able to tell you this. Then ask them what level they are working at currently and to explain one thing they need to do to move up to the next level (get them to be specific not general).

EVENTS TO KEEP IN VIEW

JANUARY/
FEBRUARY

15th January – Mock Exam start for Year 11 and 13 Pupils

26th and 29th January – Home Study Days for all Pupils – National Staff CPD Days

5th February – Internet Safety Week

12th to 16th February – Half-term

22nd and 23rd February – National OSG Conference – home study for all pupils

Key Stage 2 Awards

Congratulations to Warwick Barber, who receives the Y5/6 award for last week for showing a greatly improved attitude to all learning tasks, and to Archie Stedman who receives the Y3/4 award for his mature approach to school life and for showing excellent leadership skills. Well done to both of you!



Also well done to Matthew Hibbert, Fernando Rowles, Cherrie Smith who have successfully completed a course about Social Skills with Mrs Melly!



Year 11 and 13 Full Reports – amendment to the calendar

Parents of Year 11 and 13 pupils only will receive full subject reports following their mock exams. These are now due to be sent out on Wednesday 21st February. Years 12 are not taking mock exams so their full report will not be until later in the year.

Piano and Guitar Lessons Next Term

Please could I remind you to contact Mrs Coleman if you are interested in your child starting piano or guitar lessons next term. The intention is to provide ten 45 minute lessons per term for about £200. As there is already a long list of interested parties the deadline for this has been brought forward to Friday 19th January.