

KDS/JSS

3 June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful half term break. I am writing to give you some updates for the rest of the Summer Term.

It is with regret that I inform you all that Mr Gibbs, Head of School on the Shakespeare Campus, will be leaving us at the end of term after 11 years at Crestwood. Although he will be greatly missed by everyone in the school community, we wish him and his family all the best for the future as they move on to an exciting new life in Portugal. We are currently seeking an internal solution to replace him for the academic year 2024-25.

As some of you may be aware, at the end of last term Mr Tully, our Year 7 Leader for the Cherbourg Campus, left for a curriculum post at another local school. Mr Scott will now be Year 7 Leader on the Cherbourg Campus and will take the year group through to Year 8. You can contact him on ewan.scott@crestwood.hants.sch.uk.

Can I remind you all of the uniform expectations that we will be upholding this term and moving forward. Students can now wear the new Summer top if they wish, available from Skoolkit, as an alternative to the shirt and tie. Blazers should be worn to school and we will allow students to remove them should the temperatures rise. We will continue to confiscate mobile phones, earphones, rings, nose studs that are not retainers, necklaces, bracelets, dangly/hoop earrings and vapes and parents/carers will be contacted to come and collect these items. We would like to thank everyone who has engaged with this new policy as we have seen a great reduction in these items in school. Students refusing to hand over items will be isolated and persistent refusal may result in suspension.

Please ensure that students bring a water bottle to school each day now that the weather is warmer. They can refill them in school at the water fountains. Please also consider suncream if your child gets burnt easily.

Finally, I would like to remind you that we have an additional Inset afternoon for staff on Wednesday 3 July 2024 and school will close at 12.15pm for students. The last day of term is Friday 19 July 2024, when we will again close early at 12.30pm. Monday 22 July and Tuesday 23 July 2024 are Inset days.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Krista Dawkins Headteacher