



St. Anthony's

SPECIALIST SCHOOL ●●

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we face the final run to the end of the academic year, I wish to acknowledge what a difficult year this has been for everyone. Normally, I would be taking the time to focus on planning, considering outcomes and data, responding to identified issues and developing the strategic school improvement focus for the next academic year. Instead, I am dealing with the continued demands of COVID, while managing the logistics of the end of year activities and celebrations within ever changing Covid guidelines.

Parent Governor

As previously mentioned we are looking to recruit a parent governor to join the schools governing body. The governing body is the schools legally accountable body, it is the task of the governing body to lead the school strategically. If you are interested please contact me, the closing date for nominations is Tuesday 6th July at noon.

Sports Day Friday July 16th

Pupils will be having their sports day on Friday 16th July, unfortunately we will not be able to welcome parents this year to watch, as the logistics involved are a hurdle too many at the end of the school year.

COVID – summer and autumn testing arrangements

I realise that we are all tired of COVID, but rates nationally and locally are going up once again. So thank you for all your efforts to encourage your secondary aged child to test themselves twice a week at home – please do continue to do this in these last few weeks of term, as the last thing we would wish is to have bubbles being asked to isolate.

We are awaiting government advice for the autumn but it appears that testing for all staff and secondary aged pupils will continue but I will share the government advice when I receive it.



Residential Trip

On Wednesday the 23rd June until Friday 25th June, 10 children from Year 7 & 8 and 4 staff went to PGL Windmill Hill in East Sussex. The group was greeted by Callum, who took care of us our entire stay. He was great fun, super friendly and helpful. The students were allocated rooms which they loved as they had their own bathroom. We used the various different activities to develop a range of new skills but mostly to build independence, communication and teamwork.

Our first activity was the 'swing' which took 3 people at a time, up to a great height to then be released for a big swing. Only two students were confident enough to attempt the full swing. But by the end of the activities all our students were able to get to the top of the abseiling wall with 8 out of the 10 actually abseiling down. This showed massive progress in their confidence to face these challenges. Seeing this progress in the children made the hard work worthwhile. We all had a great time and we will look forward to another PGL residential trip in the near future.

Have a good weekend and Come On England!!

Mr R Page
Headteacher

Term 6 Dates

Thursday 15th July reward trips

Friday 16th July sports morning

Monday 19th July Leavers Assembly 3:30

Wednesday 21st July last day of term 6, 1:30 finish