



11 February 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you for all your support over what has been another really busy term, particularly around the implementation of our expectations for disruption-free learning and supporting us as we continue to manage the impact of Covid.

We wish you all a restful break over the half-term and wanted to close this term with some information about what exciting events are planned for the upcoming term. We wrote to you last week and talked about a range of things including enrichment and uniform; we intend to launch these activities early in the new term. We'll continue to review our uniform policy and will get back to you as soon as possible with any changes or updates.

At Weavers staff are inspired by educator Dylan William's approach to developing ourselves to continually improve our practice. He says *'If we create a culture where every teacher believes they need to improve, not because they are not good enough but because they can be better, there is no limit to what we can achieve.'* Next half term will see staff continuing with their focus on their own individual professional development. Staff will get the opportunity to visit each other's lessons and see best practice in action; take it back to their own classroom and develop key strategies to accelerate the learning of our students.

We are kicking off our World Book Day celebrations on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Throughout the week, there will be literacy competitions, an author visit, Spelling Bee, creative writing workshops and much more!

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Jenny Valentine, an award-winning writer for young adults will be visiting the school. Her first novel *Finding Violet Park* won the Guardian prize in 2007 and since then she has written many books, including *'Broken Soup'* and *'Fire Colour One'*, as well as young fiction series *'Iggy and Me'*. Her work has been published in 19 countries. In 2017 she was the Hay Festival International Fellow, spending the year meeting and learning from teenagers all over the world. She works to empower and give a voice to young people. Continuing on this theme, students will be exploring a selection of inspirational texts in English.

Year 7 will be reading revolutionary poetry...

Year 8 will discover what happens when schoolboys are stranded on an Island without ANY adults!

Year 9 will discover Jekyll's Doppelganger!

Year 10 and 11 will continue their quest in exploring writers' views and perspectives.



Year 11 Business Studies students will be presenting their Dragon's Den style pitches for their coursework this half term and we are looking forward to some really exciting presentations

DofE students will be undertaking their expedition training day in March in preparation for expeditions in the summer term. It is also exciting to see out students starting to complete their skills, volunteering, and physical sections towards their awards

The Music Department has an exciting time coming up with cross-trust orchestral and choral days that have students out for a series of days performing with other musicians across the Creative Education Trust. We will also be hosting our KS5 Recital Evening which showcases solo performances from our sixth form musicians. Following on from our successful theatre trips so far this year, year 9s will have the opportunity to see the musical 'Chicago' at Milton Keynes Theatre.

All Year 13 psychology and sociology students will be going on an Exam Booster day to Birmingham. A group of Year 12 students will be working with KS3 students to start a pen pal scheme with a local care home to make a connection to our local community.

There will also be targeted boosters for all subjects including support from external providers to help maximise the outcomes for all Yr11 Students. This will include online tutoring, in-house 'Specialist Subject Focus Days' all combined with challenges and rewards; we're excited about and looking forward to the final push for our year 11s and year 13s.

We all look forward to seeing students after the half term break, we hope you are all able to rest and have an enjoyable time with your family and friends.

Yours sincerely,

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Vice Principal

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