

02 December 2022

PS100/22-23

Dear parents/carers and students,

High levels of staff absence

You may be aware from speaking with your children that we are currently experiencing high levels of staff absence, mainly due to colds, flu and COVID viruses. We are doing our best to manage this situation but we know that students will be affected by the absence of their normal teachers. We will continue to monitor the situation over the coming days and hope that we do not have to move to remote learning for selected year groups as we have been forced to do in recent years. As always the safety of students will be our primary concern.

End of term arrangements

I thought that a relatively early notice about the end of term arrangements may be helpful. There are three changes to the normal timetable and expectations during the last 2 days of this term:

- Thursday 15th December - Christmas Lunch (Normal uniform plus optional Christmas jumpers.)
- Friday 16th December - Year 11 Dress Up Morning (details to follow)
- Friday 16th December - Early closure (students finish at 12:15)

Information regarding the Christmas Lunch has already been given to students in school. I will provide additional information relating to the Year 11 Dress Up Morning next week.

Uniform

There has been a recent drop off in uniform standards for a small minority of students and we would appreciate your support in addressing these. The key issues which we need to address are:

- Wearing of hoodies beneath blazers (plain navy blue v-neck jumpers are fine but not hoodies)
- Wearing of trainers in place of school shoes

If there are exceptional circumstances which mean that your child cannot be in full uniform please contact the pastoral team (details at the end of this letter) who will be happy to support.

Oli Rumbol Award

Each year we present this award in memory of our former student Oli Rumbol. The award recognises resilience in the face of adversity. This year the award will go to Jack Freeman, who was part of our Year 11 cohort last year. Jack was chosen by staff because of his strength and positivity during a very difficult time for his family. His support for those around him was inspiring and we hope that this award goes some way towards recognising his strength of character and positive impact on others.

Angmering Parish Council want to hear your views

If you live within the parish of Angmering and would like to have a say in the ways which the parish council prioritise their spending please take a few minutes to complete this [survey](#). The information which is provided by parishioners is vital in supporting the direction of the council.

West Sussex 'Here to help' site

We have been asked to make all of our families aware that West Sussex County Council has set aside some funding this year to support families who are struggling with the **cost of living**. Details of the support available can be found on their website [here](#). Alternatively you can call 0330 222 7980 to speak to someone about what they can offer.

Benefit Related Free School Meals

A reminder that your child may be eligible for benefits related Free School Meals. Once an eligible child is signed up for 'benefits related Free School Meals', they will also receive other support such as Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) sessions. HAF sessions provide children with access to fun and engaging activities during the holidays and offer a free meal as part of the sessions. You can use the following [website](#) to check the eligibility criteria and apply for a benefit related free school meal. If you have queries you can email fsm@westsussex.gov.uk or Tel:0330 222 5555 .

Dance-A-thon

This week over 80 students and Mrs Hodson-Prior, Miss Robinson, Mr Jenner, Miss Spight, Mrs Knox, Mrs Smith, Mrs Knight and Mrs Carr took part in our Dance-A-Thon, dancing from 9am to 9pm to raise money for their Dance Live performance in February! The students took part in a range of Dance classes led by guest teachers, including Hip-Hop, Contemporary, Ballet and Commercial, as well as a Christmas Disco, Strictly Come Dance-A-Thon, and rehearsals for their Dance Live performance. The students were a credit to the school and really pushed through the final couple of hours, even when the tiredness started to kick in! The students brought the Christmas spirit to Dance-A-Thon to keep the momentum going and it worked. A huge well done to everyone involved - the school is very proud of you!



Thanks for your continued support,



Simon Liley, Headteacher

Key contacts for parents/carers:

Year Group	Year Team Leaders	Email Addresses	Phone Numbers
Year 7	Miss Pegden	npegden@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778317
Year 8	Mrs Fillery	jfillery@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778311
Year 9	Mrs Hook	lhook@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778338
Year 10	Mr Smith	ssmith@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778382
Year 11	Mr Middleton	mmiddleton@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778339

Years	Student Support Officers	Email Addresses	Phone Numbers
10 & 11	Mrs Cooper (Monday and Tuesday only)	lcooper@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778389
10 & 11	Miss McCabe	mmccabe@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778396
10 & 11	Mrs O'Hare (Wed, Thurs and Friday)	dohare@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778389
7 & 8	Miss Matthews	amatthews@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778303
9	Mrs Wilson	lwilson@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778341

Year Group	Attendance/ Absence Officers	Email Addresses	Phone Numbers
Year 7	Mrs Marshall	smarshall@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778354
Year 8	Mrs Silva	ssilva@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778331
Year 9	Mrs Silva	ssilva@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778331
Years 10/11	Mrs Jones	ljones@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778323

Sixth Form	Mr Kerrison (Leader of VI Form) Mrs Carroll (VI Form Admin) Miss Hughes (VI Form manager)	akerrison@theangmeringschool.co.uk pcarroll@theangmeringschool.co.uk ehughes1@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778356 (01903) 778391 (01903) 778399
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