

9 December 2022

PS109/22-23

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 stomach bugs. 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

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 below)
- Friday 16th December - Early closure (students finish at 12:15). The Findon Bus will collect at 12.30pm and there will be a minibus to drop students to Ferring Library leaving from the **front** of school at 12.30pm.

Year 11 Dress Up

Angmering has long had a tradition of giving Year 11 students the option to wear fancy dress (provided it is suitable for school!) on the final day of the Autumn term. I suspect that the students will have some 'interesting' costumes again this year. In terms of rules we only ask that students:

- a. Can sit in a classroom and attend a lesson in their costume
- b. Can be identified (their faces are visible - so no full body morph suits please)
- c. Remember that they are in a school environment...

If you have any concerns over the outfit which your child has chosen please feel free to contact us to check whether it is suitable.

Sixth Form sleep out in aid of charity

On the very cold night of 25th November a group of Angmering Sixth Form students took part in a sleep out in order to raise money for a local homelessness charity. The sleep out followed the group's NCS summer experience, where the then GCSE students created a lasting legacy with their Pebble For Your Thoughts project focusing on mental health, including a Beach Campaign Day in Littlehampton and designing a mural for the school to help other students in future. The event raised £400 and was covered by the local press and their report can be found [here](#).

Uniform - affordability

We have recently updated our uniform affordability statement to clarify one area which parents/carers have been inquiring about; PE shorts, skorts and leggings. The new statement will

clarify that every student should have one of these three items (all available from Ricara) and that all three have been assessed to ensure that they offer high quality and good value for money.

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 .

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
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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

	Student Support Officers	Email Addresses	Phone Numbers
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Years 10-11	Miss McCabe	mmccabe@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778396
Years 10-11	Mrs O'Hare (Wed -Friday)	dohare@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778389

Years 7 and 8	Miss Matthews	amatthews@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903 778303)
Year 9	Mrs Wilson	lwilson@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778341

Year Group	Attendance/ Absence Officers	Email Addresses	Phone Numbers
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Year 9	Mrs Silva	ssilva@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778331
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