

WEST HILL SCHOOL

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Name of Pupil _____ Form _____

Dear Parent,

I should like to remind you of the following dates.

School will close for the Easter holiday at 2.55 pm on Thursday 2nd April.
School will reopen for the Summer term at 8.45 am on Monday 20th April.

KS4 GCSE examinations

The GCSE examinations are now only a short time away and your son's results will be directly linked to the amount of time and effort he devotes to revision. It is important that *all* pupils sitting external examinations in the summer term make effective use of the time available during the Easter holiday in preparation for these. All candidates have already received a personalised examination timetable and examination guide. For your information, the first written GCSE examination papers commence week beginning 4th May.

Uniform

As you are aware, we have sold uniform in school for many years for the convenience of parents and pupils and in order to offer blazers, ties and badges at a reasonable price. Unfortunately, offering this service has become more and more time consuming for school staff but, fortunately, there are now many more outlets that offer school uniform at a reasonable price. As a consequence, we have decided to change the way we sell uniform in school. As from Friday 3rd April 2015 blazers, ties and PE kit can be purchased from our approved stockist Debonair in Ashton-Under-Lyne. Debonair's store is located at 82 Old Street, Ashton-Under-Lyne. However, we will continue to hold a small stock of blazer badges and ties that can be purchased directly from the school reception office and t-shirts, shorts and socks can be purchased from the PE Dept.

Foodbank - Non-Uniform Day

On Thursday 2nd April we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise awareness and provision for the local Foodbank in Stalybridge (Tameside East Foodbank).

Boys are invited to attend school in their own clothes and bring in tins of food, coffee, tea bags, rice, pasta or breakfast cereals as a donation.



The response to this event in the past has been really overwhelming, so please support this worthy cause once again by donating as many items as you can.

Congratulations to:

Lewis Thompson who continues to be selected to represent England at football.

Advanced Information – Spring Concert

This year's Spring Concert will be held in the school hall on Thursday 26th March. This is always an excellent event and it has traditionally helped the spring term to finish on a very high note. Tickets cost £2 and are available from the school reception office.

Advanced information - Prefect Interviews

As part of preparing our students to become good citizens and be ready for the world of work we try to give them various levels of responsibility at different stages in their school lives, for example, peer mentors, school council, team captain etc. However, perhaps the most important opportunity is in the process of becoming a prefect, one that all boys will have the chance to experience during their time at West Hill. So far this term, all year 10 pupils have been briefed on the role and the application procedure, and potential candidates are now busily preparing their application form and supporting letters for the selection process. The next step for each candidate will be an interview with current prefects, governors, members of staff and representatives from the business community.

In order to facilitate the interviews and make them as close as possible to a real life experience, school will close at 1.55 pm on Friday 1st May to allow the interviews to take place. Pupils in Years 7, 8 and Y9b will be dismissed for the day at the end of period 4 (1.55 pm). Pupils in Years 9a, 10 and 11 will have lunch as normal between 1.25 and 1.55 pm, once they have finished their lunch they will be allowed to leave school. Pupils in Years 10 and 11 who are involved in the interview process should remain on site.

Advanced information - School closure

School will be closed for May Day on Monday 4th May.

Finally, I should like to wish you all a Happy Easter.

Yours faithfully,

R J Hewitt
Headteacher

