



23 October 2020

Dear Parent, Carer, Guardian or Student,

I would like to remind you of changes to the 2020-2021 school calendar and the dates when school will be closed due to INSET days and the Year 7 Entrance Tests.

Department of Education guidance to Schools has been to delay the selective tests for incoming Year 7 students. The rationale for this delay is that *"this will enable as many children as possible to get back into the routine of education before being tested and therefore minimise the disadvantage caused by the lengthy period many children have had to spend away from school. This disadvantage is likely to be especially acute for children eligible for the pupil premium, and for children who face particular barriers to their education."* The guidance document can be accessed via this [Link](#).

Due to anticipated social distancing measures the Year 7 Selective Eligibility Test (SET) will run over two days, meaning school will be closed on:

**Thursday 26 November (School Closure) and Friday 27 November (INSET) 2020**

Monday 4 January will remain an INSET day. However, the INSET originally scheduled for November 13 2020 will move to Tuesday 5 January 2021 when we will be running the Year 7 Stage 2 Entrance test for the 2021 cohort. We will welcome our students back on Wednesday 6 January 2021.

Therefore, school will be closed on both:

**Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 January 2021.**

Please find the updated term dates on the website which can be access by clicking on this [Link](#).

I apologise in advance if this causes any inconvenience. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. A. Sidhu

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