

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first half term of 2018 once again has been a busy time which has seen a number of successes. Our Year 9 students were invited to attend a Careers Fayre and have now submitted their options for KS4. Plans have been finalised for timetable changes which will come into effect following the February half term break. From this, some students will see a changes in class placements, and all students will see a change in break, lunch and assembly times.

### **Appointment of our New Principal**

It is with great pleasure that I am able to confirm the appointment of Ingleby Manor Schools new Principal. Ray Parkinson was successfully appointed last week and will be joining the school after the Easter break. Alongside this newsletter, I have included a letter Mr Parkinson has issued introducing himself. Please join me in welcoming him to the school and wish him every success in his appointment.

### **SRE – Sex & Relationship Education**

The purpose of Sex and Relationship Education (SRE) is to provide knowledge and understanding of how the human body changes during puberty and the processes of human reproduction, within the context of relationships based on love and respect. It is designed to develop understanding and attitudes which will help students to form relationships in a responsible and healthy manner and to appreciate the value of stable family life, including the responsibilities of parenthood and marriage.

In todays society there is a vast amount information available via the internet, TV, advertising and magazines that can be confusing to young people regarding relationships. Therefore, as part of the school's Personal, Social and Health Education programme, Year 9 & 10 students will soon receive lessons on relationships, sexual health and puberty.

If young people can start their transition into adulthood with good information and the confidence and knowledge to understand what is happening to them, they will hopefully grow into confident and healthy adults able to make positive choices. This can start with learning the basics about growing up and the sessions in school may reinforce what you are already doing at home.

The key aims of SRE are to:

- 1 Provide accurate and relevant information about the physical and emotional changes that children and young people will experience through their formative years and into adulthood.
- 2 Establish an awareness of the importance of stable family life and relationships, including the responsibilities of parenthood and marriage.
- 3 Foster self-awareness and self-esteem.
- 4 Develop a sense of responsibility and respect for themselves and others.

The SRE programme includes watching a video from the Channel 4 *Living and Growing* series and input from the class teacher. All teaching materials are appropriate to the age and emotional maturity of the pupils concerned and the teachers will aim to present the programme in an objective, balanced and sensitive manner.

The programme will cover:

- 1 Love, Marriage and Relationships
- 2 Puberty
- 3 Menstruation
- 4 Personal Hygiene
- 5 Reproduction

Letters will be issued to all Y9 & Y10 parents regarding this following the half term period. This will give you the opportunity to either consent or decline your child's participation in these sessions.

### **Parking**

We have received a number of complaints from local residents advising of people parking inconsiderately around the school grounds often causing obstructions when collecting their children. This is not what we would expect to hear about anyone associated with our school and it saddens me to think that our local residents would be disrespected in such a way.

If you collect your child from school in a car, please ensure you are parking responsibly using the carpark adjacent to the front of the school when collecting your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Cycling Safety**

Here at Ingleby Manor School we encourage students to cycle to school as often as possible. Not only is it good for the environment, its healthy and it helps children become independent. It is important however that children are safe when cycling so we ask that you communicate to your child the importance of the following as it has been brought to our attention that some students are removing their helmets on the way to school.

- Wearing a bike helmet at all times
- Wearing reflective clothing when cycling on dark evenings/mornings
- Having lights on their bikes
- Cycling on only the cycle paths and not the pavements
- Ensuring they cross the road carefully using crossings
- Ensuring they don't pose an unsafe risk to pedestrians in their vicinity

### **100% Attendance Reward**

Following a drive since the start of the year to improve attendance levels, we have seen a significant improvement across the school. Since the start of term we have seen a notable number of students maintaining 100% attendance which is great to see. Movie Rewards for those students meeting attendance targets will take place following the half term break.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents the ongoing support shown to the school. We look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Regards



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Acting Principal

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