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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families enjoyed a restful half term. Last half term ended very well with joyful final assemblies for Y11 and Y13 as our young people said their initial goodbyes to their friends and the staff who have supported them. We look forward to the Y11 and Y13 Balls which are always wonderful occasions. As this half term begins we are truly in “full swing” with GCSE and A levels plus the myriad of trips, visits and other activities which happen in June and July.

Developments within SAST

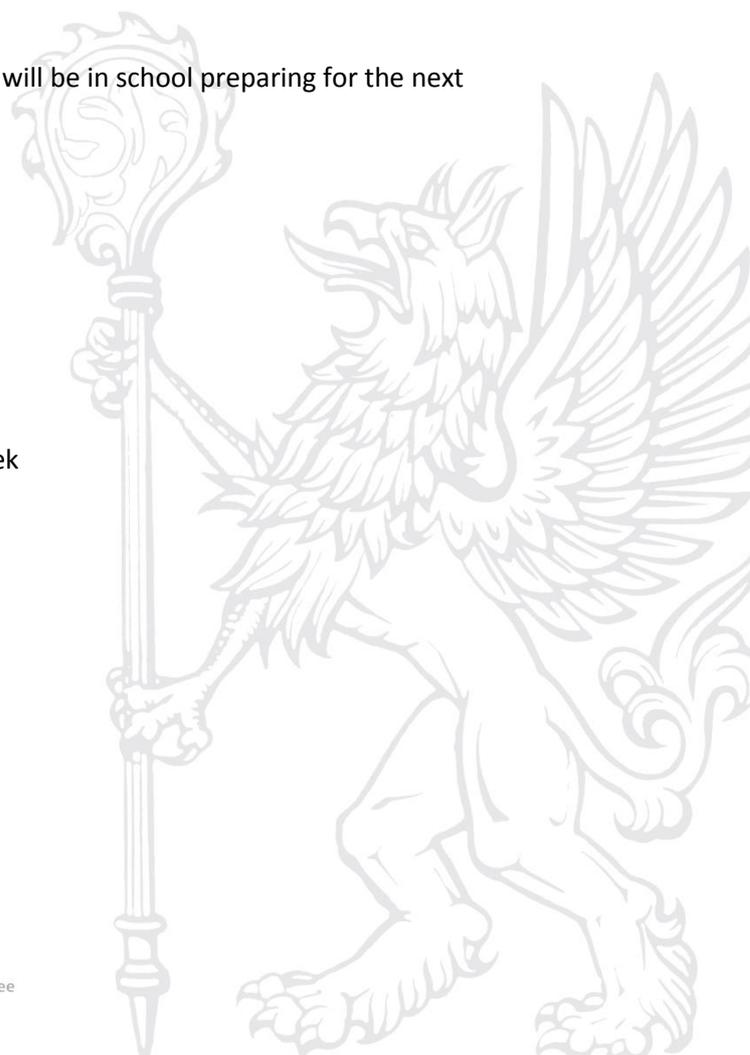
For some while now there has been discussion about how SAST can support the work of other secondary schools in the area. SAST has now been formally requested to offer support to King Arthur’s School in Wincanton. The parents of King Arthur’s were informed about this by letter just before half term. Our Governors will be discussing the implications for The Gryphon at their June meeting. Please rest assured that we will ensure that this partnership working will have benefits for both The Gryphon and King Arthur’s, enabling effective staff development and student support.

INSET Day

Friday 29th June is an INSET Day across SAST and staff will be in school preparing for the next academic year.

Dates for this Term

Monday 25th June Y13 Ball
Wednesday 27th June B&E Day
Friday 29th June INSET Day
Thursday 5th July Y11 Ball
Monday 9th July Musical Soirée
Monday 9th July – Thursday 12th July Arts Festival Week
Friday 13th July Y12 Celebration of Achievement
Monday 16th July Y7 Celebration of Achievement
Tuesday 17th July Y8 Celebration of Achievement
Wednesday 18th July Y9 Celebration of Achievement
Thursday 19th July Y10 Celebration of Achievement
Monday 23rd July Sports Day



Last Day of Term

Our last day of term is Tuesday 24th July and school will close at 2pm on that day.

Uniform

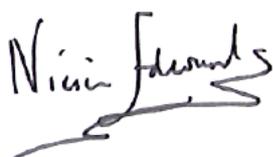
As mentioned in my previous letter, we will be introducing standard trousers and skirts from September 2018 for all Y7. From September 2019 the standard trousers and skirts will be for all years. During the next academic year we respectfully request that any new items you purchase are of the standard type to avoid discussion about what is, or is not, suitable school wear. More details about uniform are available on our website.

Staffing

We have been busy recruiting new members of staff for the Autumn Term, more news on this in our end of term newsletter. However one change has happened immediately. Having thoroughly enjoyed serving the community of the Gryphon School for nearly twenty four years, fifteen as Head of Year, Roger Baxter has decided to step down from his position as Geography teacher for family and health reasons. His Geography classes have been reassigned to existing members of our Geography teaching team and his tutor group has been taken on by Mrs Kurpierz in the Maths department. We wish Mr Baxter well and are very grateful to him for his years of service to the school.

I look forward to meeting many of you at our events this half term.

With very best wishes



Nicki Edwards
Headteacher

