



23rd May 2025

Dear Parents/carers

As we come to the end of what has been a short but incredibly busy half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and share some key updates and upcoming events with you.

Our Year 11 students are now fully immersed in their GCSE examinations, and we are incredibly proud of their focus, dedication, and maturity. The uptake and engagement in the revision masterclasses have been fantastic and we look forward to seeing their hard work pay off.

Tomorrow, a group of students will be heading off on the much-anticipated trip to Iceland. We wish them a safe journey and an unforgettable experience exploring such a unique and inspiring destination.

We are delighted to have sent letters to our first group of **Iceni Way Award** students, inviting them on a celebratory trip in July. These students have consistently demonstrated our core values of Work Hard, Aim High and Be Kind, whilst also demonstrating a commitment to their attendance.

We have also launched our **Student Leadership Programme** for the 2025–2026 academic year. This exciting opportunity is open to all year groups, offering students a genuine platform to shape the future of our school community. Applications are open until **Thursday 5th June**, and I am very much looking forward to reading through them and selecting our first official leadership team.

This half term also saw the launch of our **new uniform** for incoming Year 7 students. A copy is attached for your reference. The uniform will be available from Birds of Dereham. Please note, there is no expectation for current students or families to purchase this new uniform.

Looking ahead, we are in the midst of planning another fantastic **End of Year Fun Day**, similar to last year's successful event. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to work together with their peers on a variety of exciting and team-based activities to celebrate the end of the academic year.

We are also excited to announce our very first **Sports Awards Evening**, which will take place on the 3rd July. Those nominated will receive a letter and invite to the evening. It will be the chance for us to celebrate outstanding sporting achievements across the school.

Uniform Reminder: As the weather becomes warmer, we have noticed a small but increasing number of students not adhering to our uniform policy, particularly in relation to skirts being rolled up or lacking proper pleating. We ask all parents and carers to use the upcoming half-term break to ensure that your child returns in full, correct uniform. This includes skirts that are pleated and worn at knee length. Students who arrive at the academy out of uniform will be required to correct this immediately. If this is not possible, they will be placed in isolation while we contact home for the appropriate items to be brought in. Please note: if a student is wearing a skirt that does not meet our expectations for style or length, they will be instructed to wear trousers instead. Your support in upholding our uniform standards is greatly appreciated.

Key Dates for the Half Term Ahead:

- **Monday 2nd June** – Students return to school
- **Monday 16th to Thursday 27th June** – Year 10 Mock Exams
- **Thursday 19th June** – Year 6 Information Evening
- **Friday 20th June** – INSET Day (school closed to students)
- **Wednesday 25th June** – Year 10 trip to College of West Anglia (COWA)
- **Thursday 26th June** – Year 7 Progress Evening
- **Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July** – Year 10 Work Experience
- **Monday 30th June** – Year 9 trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford
- **Tuesday 1st July** – Year 7 trip to Hunstanton
- **Wednesday 2nd July** – Year 8 trip to Norwich
- **Thursday 3rd July** – Year 7 and 8 trip to Legoland, Windsor
- **Thursday 3rd July** – Sports Awards Evening – NEW EVENT
- **Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th July** – Year 6 Transition Days
- **Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th July** – Year 10 GCSE Geography field trips
- **Wednesday 9th July** – Year 11 Prom
- **Monday 14th July** – Science & Careers Fair
- **Thursday 17th July** – Icenis Sports Day
- **Friday 18th July** – Icenis Way Award trip to Weeting Steam Rally
- **Tuesday 22nd July** – Fun day (students finish at 12:30)

I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for a positive final half term.

Yours faithfully,



Mr J Morris
Vice Principal