

# Weekly Heads Up!

Friday 11 May 2018

## Message from the Headteacher

Next week we are looking forward to a number of trips heading off. We have the Spanish Exchange leaving tomorrow morning and then we have trips to York, London and Whithaugh Park heading out. On Friday we will also have a number of young people heading off to Alton Towers for the day. I hope that everyone involved in these trips has a great time and I look forward to their safe arrival home again in due course. Please keep an eye on the Facebook page for photos from the trips.

SQA exams continue next week which leads me to some important information to share. The new school timetable will now start on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June instead of Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May. There are a number of significant exams falling in that final week which will lead to high disruption to classes in the senior school and it has been agreed that it will be much more effective to have seniors return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. When the calendar was formed, we did not have access to the SQA exam timetable, hence the reason for a change at this stage.

## S1 Residential - Whithaugh Park 2018

The trip leaves in on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May. We will depart from school around 9.30am. Pupils should arrive at school at normal time whether this is by school bus or car. They will then register in the canteen. Pupils must bring a packed lunch to eat on arrival at Whithaugh Park.

You might want to check the BBC 'Countyfile' weather on the Sunday night before the trip with regards suntan lotion and shorts!

Pupils will not need any money as there is nowhere to spend it. If you would like them to phone home there is a pay phone so some change might be useful for that. They can of course bring some sweets with them but please don't allow them too much as we have plenty delicious food that they have made extremely well and they are only away for 4 days. Due to a pupil having a severe peanut allergy we ask no peanuts be brought on the trip.

We return to school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May around 1pm and in time for the bus home. We will contact school when we leave the centre and they will send out a group call if there are any delays.

If your son/daughter is prone to travel sickness please make sure they have or have taken medication as the road is a windy one especially from Hawick to Newcastleton. If your son/daughter has medication that you would like to be administered by Mr Dickson, our main first aider on the trip, please remind them to give it to a member of staff when they get to school (in a bag with their name on it). Mrs Kennedy

## S3 Art

All students going on the trip to Jupiter Artland on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May are reminded to return their EV2 forms as soon as possible. Mrs Bertram

## S2/3 Alton Towers Trip

Any student going on the Alton Towers trip who missed the meeting on Friday, please come to my room and collect an information sheet for this trip and make sure you have been signed up on a coach.

Dr Rogerson

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