

HSP/RMT: Headmaster's letter
12th March 2018

HEADMASTER'S LETTER TO
PARENT(S)/ GUARDIAN(S) No.6

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)

You will remember about 10 days ago we experienced very adverse weather and snow and a number of school closed. I am pleased by the resilience shown by Heathland staff and the great majority of pupils. We stayed open and lessons continued as normal. May I thank parents for their support.

A local resident called the school to thank pupils who assisted her with her shopping at the Tesco store in the snow. Well done to the pupils involved for setting a fine example.

1. YEAR 12 EXAMS

These exams take place from **THURSDAY 22ND MARCH - THURSDAY 28TH MARCH.**
Students will be on study leave for this week unless they have an exam.

All students return at the normal time on Monday 16th April (first day of term).

2. SECOND MOCK GCSE EXAMS FOR YEAR 11

In the last few years a second practice under examination conditions has proved very beneficial to Year 11 pupils. These exams will take place from **MONDAY 16TH APRIL – TUESDAY 24TH APRIL.**

Pupils will be on study leave during this period unless they have an exam to sit. All Year 11 pupils should return to school at the normal time on Wednesday 25th April.

3. SCHOOL PRODUCTION: 'SHERLOCK HOLMES'

The cast and stage crew have been preparing for a performance that will combine mystery, romance, action and laughter! I hope a large number of parents will join us on:

TUESDAY 27TH MARCH or WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH at 7.00PM

Tickets are on sale in Resources and by ParentPay at £2.00 each.

4. BICYCLE STORAGE AND PROTECTION

More pupils seem to be coming into school on a bicycle which is healthy. We intend to increase the storage spaces we provide for bicycles in the summer term. However I am concerned by the number of bicycles that do not have locks. May I urge parents to provide an easy to use lock as there are so many bicycles on the school premises.

5. TERM DATES FOR 2018/19

A reminder to parents to avoid arranging holidays during term time. Please note these dates for next academic year.

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Tuesday 4th September – Wednesday 19th December

Half term week: 22nd – 26th October 2018

SPRING TERM 2019

Tuesday 8th January – Friday 5th April

Half term week: 18th – 22nd February 2019

SUMMER TERM 2019

Wednesday 24th April – Wednesday 24th July

Half term week: 27th – 31st May 2019

6. FORTHCOMING CALENDAR DATES

This term ends on Thursday 29th March 2018 (pupils will finish around 1.00pm).

The summer term starts for all pupils on Monday 16th April 2018.

Please note: Friday 20th April 2018 is a staff Inset Day when the school will be closed to pupils. (Except for Year 11 pupils taking an ICT exam)

We will send out (by email) a survey requesting parents' views about the school in the summer term.

Yours faithfully,

HEADMASTER