



**The South Wolds
Academy
and Sixth Form**

16th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the half term is upon us and I must thank all of you for your continued support for the full opening of school from September onwards. Students have adapted incredibly well to the adjustments that have been put in place to increase safety measures in relation to COVID-19. One event that we have sadly not been able to run this year is our open evening for prospective parents. I am sure you will remember that event when you visited our school and we love being able to meet parents and children to share the very best of what we do here at South Wolds. However, due to current restrictions of an event of this size, we have had to think a little differently. Please take a moment to view our new promotional video and see who you can spot! We are delighted with the result and hope you are as well. Please feel free to share as widely as you can to help spread the word about our wonderful school.

<https://youtu.be/6ozt-7SDiWU>

Last Friday we supported World Mental Health Day: students and staff were encouraged to wear yellow and it was great to see so many participating. We raised £472 for the Young Minds charity - well done to all and thanks to Mrs Drewett-Vitel for organising.

Some information has been released to all schools regarding examinations in 2021, which focuses on the movement of results days to Tuesday 24th August for AS and A-levels and Friday 27th August for GCSEs. I understand that this is a difficult time for many of our Year 11 and 13 students, given the changes that they have witnessed over the last few months, with many questions still unanswered regarding what exams will look like next year. As soon as we have any further updates we will be in touch. We will be starting our focused revision sessions with Year 11 straight after half term and if you have any queries please contact Mrs Sprake at the academy.

A little housekeeping : we do ask that face coverings are worn around the site, specifically in areas that are more confined such as corridors. Face coverings must not sport logos or slogans please. We have also brought in a temporary uniform adjustment, in light of the increased ventilation required for classrooms with doors and windows remaining open, at a time when the temperature falls. Black jumpers (round or v-neck) are allowed to be worn underneath the blazer. This is not instead of the blazer and your support in ensuring your child is not swapping one for the other would be most beneficial.

We have unfortunately seen a small rise in jewellery being worn and I would like to remind you of the expectations we have regarding this. One small pair of studs (one in each ear) is acceptable but please do not send your child to school with anymore than this. Nose piercings are also not allowed and I would like to restate the expectation that these are not worn. We did trial clear studs being worn but this is not being followed by a number of students and this will now be revoked from November 2nd onwards. Do not send your child to school with a nose piercing - they will be told to remove it immediately. The two week break will give your child time to find a solution to this before they resume school again and I thank you for your support with this. Uniform expectations should be adhered to and not become a distraction from the main purpose of our day.

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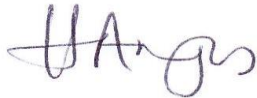
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We have trialled our online parents evening appointments this week with Year 7, 8 and 12 tutors and are pleased with the results. Many thanks to all of you who had a go; the feedback we have received is very positive and I can see that this will be a modification that we can carry on with for the foreseeable future. No more mad dashes from work or home to get into school for your round of appointments!

Have a great half term and see you all on Monday 2nd November for the start of the next half term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Halina', written in a cursive style.

Kind regards
Halina