

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin a well deserved half term break, I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during my first few weeks of headship. Although this has been a huge change, it has been made easier with the support from our families and students.

The students returned from their summer holidays with a renewed optimism and thirst for learning which has been demonstrated with the progress they have made in lessons. It has been lovely to observe lessons where students are fully engaged in their learning and working together with teachers to improve their progress. This was demonstrated yesterday when I had the pleasure of watching a short extract from Romeo and Juliet performed by some year 10 English students that would have given The Reduced Shakespeare Company a run for their money.

A big thank you must go to the PE department for their hard work this half term in getting students engaged in extracurricular activities. The Year 11 boys continue to go from strength to strength with their rugby whilst the girls competed extremely well at county netball.

Earlier in the term, parents of Year 10 and 11 students were invited to a career's information organised by Mrs Stanton and featured exhibitions from the armed forces, local colleges and apprentice providers. I know that we are now busy planning careers speed dating events as well as mock interviews for our students as we prepare them for their post 16 options.

It has also been lovely to see the Year 7s settling into life at secondary school and they now seem like part of the furniture. They are growing in confidence by the day, and they are embracing the challenges and opportunities afforded to them at Weobley. I look forward to seeing them develop further.

As the clocks go back, and we move in to the winter months I just wanted to mention attendance. Regular attendance is vital for academic success. Each day of learning builds on the previous one, and missing school can create gaps that are hard to fill. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day, on time. Should your child need to miss school due to illness or an unavoidable circumstance, please inform the school office as early as possible. If your child should be absent for an extended period, we will support them, in collaboration with you, to ensure that missed learning is caught up, to give them the best opportunities for academic success.

Finally I would like to wish my Year 11s the best of luck as they start their mock examinations and the 4th of November. I know that they have been working extremely hard in lessons and I hope that they continue to prepare themselves fully during the half term break.

I hope that you have a restful half term, and I look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday the 4th of November.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Yours sincerely

Weston Holder

Executive Headteacher

Key Dates for next half term

4th – 15th November – Year 11 mock examinations.

5th November – Weobley Primary School Firework Display 5.30pm – Tickets available on the gate or from the Primary School

19th November – Parent Surgery

26th November – Year 7 Consultation Day

10th December – Parent Surgery

19th December – Last day of term