



December 2019

School updates and reminders - Term 2

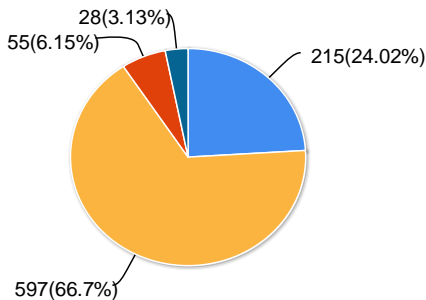
Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to provide you with information about the end of term 2, activities that the school are planning, and adverse weather guidance.

Feedback on the new Vertical Tutoring and House system

At the end of term1 we conducted a questionnaire with all students in Y7-11 to gather feedback on how they had settled in to their new vertical tutor group and whether they were starting to feel the positive benefit of being organised in to Houses yet. The feedback is very positive at this point of the year.

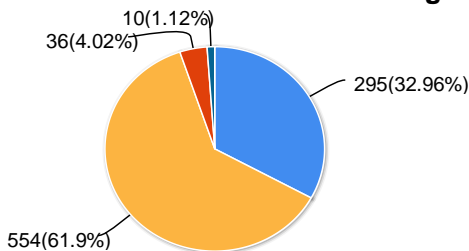
a. Statement – I have settled into my new vertical tutor group



90.72% of students agreed or strongly agreed that they had settled into their new tutor group.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

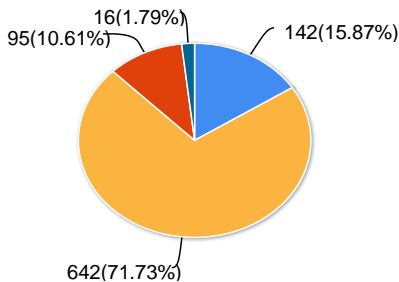
b. Statement – I am working well with my new tutors



94.86% of students agreed or strongly agreed that they were working well with their new tutor(s)

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

c. Statement – I am working well with others in my tutor group



87.6% of students agreed or strongly agreed that they were working well with others in their tutor group.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

Year 9 parents – Curriculum and Options survey

Year 9 parents will soon receive a text and/or email with a link to a survey on the Curriculum offer in school and the Options process during Year 8. It would be greatly appreciated if you would try to find time to complete the survey as we value your opinions and will use the feedback to help further improve further the Curriculum offer in school.

Charity Fundraising

On Friday 13 December 2019, Tupton Hall School will be hosting a whole school event to raise money for **Children in Need and The Save the Children charity**.

The theme of the day is to 'wear a woolly' which can be an accessory or festive jumper. We suggest a charitable donation of £1.00 per student for taking part in the event.

If students are struggling for ideas of what to wear please see suggestions below.

- A pair of woolly socks, a woolly hat / scarf, a woolly Christmas jumper, a festive item such as a Santa/Elf hat, a woollen badge

This is **not** a non-uniform day therefore students are expected to wear their normal school uniform alongside the woolly item. Students should bring bags, books, PE kit etc. and equipment for normal lessons.

We are also collecting for **Clay Cross Food Bank**, an excellent organisation supporting our local communities. The items that they are requesting as priorities are: tinned meat, tinned fish, dried milk powder, tinned vegetables, tinned rice, coffee, chocolate, Christmas treats, deodorant, shampoo, shower gel. If you can spare any item, even if not on the list, please send this to school with your child prior to the end of term.

Adverse Weather

If we experience adverse weather, whenever safe and operationally possible to do so, the school will remain open. However, on occasions when students, staff and bus operators are not able to travel to and from school safely, or the site is not safe, school will close. Short term weather forecasts, in addition to the condition of local roads and footpaths around the school site, will also be assessed for access and safe passage.

If the school is to be closed a decision will be made by 7.00 am. This will be communicated through;

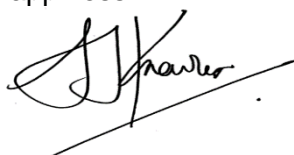
- A message on the front page of the [school website](#)
- A text messages on the parent app
- A message on the school Facebook and Twitter page
- Announcements on Peak FM and Radio Sheffield

These communications will also be used to inform parents and students of re-opening in addition to school closure.

Key dates for diary

Friday 13 December	Save the Children 'Wear a woolly' fundraiser
Tuesday 17 December	Christmas Music Concert - 7.00 pm.
Friday 20 December	End of term 2 - 3.00 pm. close
Monday 6 January	Start of term 3 - 8.30 am.
Thursday 16 January	Year 11 Parents Evening
Monday 10 – Wednesday 12 February	School Musical 'We Will Rock You'

On behalf of the school, its staff, students and governors I wish you a festive holiday of joy and happiness.



Andrew J Knowles
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