



Thriftwood

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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We are already half a term in to the New Year and time continues to pass rapidly. There are many developments under way at the College and we are hopeful that the roof will be finally completed when we return. It will be such a relief to lose the scaffolding and we will at last be able to tidy the site. It has been looking very sad since the work started.

Key events coming up in this half term:-

Parents Open Afternoon for Work Linked Learning

Tuesday 25th February 2020 2.00pm – 3.00pm

We would like to invite you to join us for the afternoon to visit the College to see all of the activities involved in **Work Linked Learning**. You will have the opportunity to see the groups in action and informally talk to the students about their interests and aspirations. Our parents' development group the **TDG** will also be here to meet and greet you and hopefully interest you in ways to communicate with other parents to share resources and experiences.

We look forward to seeing you.

The Business Centre Project Year 13 Starting February 2020

Students in Year 13 have been working towards the design and build of a new Business Centre on the College site, where they will have the opportunity to undertake safe and purposeful Work Experience and will understand how to develop entrepreneurial skills. The feasibility study starts on Friday 14th February. We are all very excited by the prospect of a new Centre for our students.

Open Mic Night Friday 20th March 7.00pm

The highlight of our year is the spectacular Open Mic evening where students perform a range of songs, poems and stand-up routines for their parents, carers and friends. It is always an amazing evening and the students perform at the highest level. Tickets will be available on our return.

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...and in other news

Following much deliberation, I have made the very difficult decision to follow a different path at the end of this academic year and will be leaving Thriftwood in July. It has been a roller coaster ride over the past 23 years and there will no doubt be times for reflection and goodbyes later in the Summer Term. The SEAX Trust will be engaged in the process of recruitment in the months ahead and you will all be kept informed of developments. Until then, of course, it will be business as usual.

I would like to thank all staff for their efforts over the past half term, they are a fabulous team!

Have a relaxed and healthy break.

All good wishes

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