

Changes to the College Day from September

Please note that from September the College day will begin at 8.55am and end at 3.30pm. Bus timetables have been revised accordingly and details of these changes can be found at the end of this letter. There are likely to be some teething problems in September, but we hope that the bus companies and students will quickly adapt.

Bike lockers are available (see previous letters) for those students who wish to travel by bike.

Arrangements for the start of the year in September

On Monday 6 September College will be closed to all students. This is a training day for staff to prepare for the new academic year.

On Tuesday 7 September College will be open only to students in Year 7 and 11. Year 11 work with the new intake on this day to help their induction. They also do some work based on the calendar for Y11 and find out their results from this Summer's GCSE module tests. Years 8-10 (current Y7-9) are set work to be done at home for this Tuesday. This work has been issued by the relevant subjects (maths, English and science respectively) and is also available electronically to download on the website.

On Wednesday 8 September all years are back.

Mobile phones and iPods

The College's position is still that cameras (still or video) are not to be used at College or on the way to and from College. We do not wish to deny students the potential to take photographs on trips abroad, for example, but we must be sure that any such photographs are not going to be misused.

Mobile phones and iPods may be brought to College and used in social times outside the building. All such devices should be turned off inside the building.

PTFA

The next event is the 10th Hope Valley Mountain Bike Challenge on Saturday 25 September see www.hvmbc.co.uk for details. Marshals and cakes required, offers of help to ptfa@hopevalley.derbyshire.sch.uk.

The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 6 October 2010, 7.30 pm at HVC.

A chance to find out about the PTFA achievements and plans for 2010 -11.

The post meeting discussion will be: 'Collective Worship in Secondary Schools - why HVC and most English schools are not meeting their statutory obligations!'

Don't be put off attending but the PTFA are seeking a new treasurer and chair please contact Lesley Ayers or Andrew Critchlow via the PTFA email for further details.

Key Dates for the Autumn Term

Tuesday 21 September – Careers/Post 16 Information Evening for Y11 and Parents

Monday 27 September to Friday 8 October – Danish students in College

Wednesday 29 September, Wednesday 20 October – Business Breakfasts

Friday 22 October – College closed to Students (Peak 11 training day)

The October break is therefore from the close of College on Thursday 21 October until Monday morning on 1 November, when College reopens.

Key Dates in November/December

Tuesday 2 November – College closes at lunchtime: Y10 Parents subject meetings pm

Thursday 4 November – Year 7 Parents Tutor meeting evening

Tuesday 9 November – Perfect Year 2009/10 Celebration Evening

Wednesday 17 November – Y9 Options Evening for Students and Parents

Thursday 18 November – GCSE Science exams

Tuesday 21 December – Last day of Autumn Term

Wednesday 5 January – First day of Spring Term