



# Settle College

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Dear Parent/Carer

I do hope that students and their families had a lovely half-term break. I am sure students in Year 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 have used the half-term break as an opportunity to do some revision for the February mock examinations which are now underway.

This is a very short half term but, for students taking exams in the summer, it is a very busy one as Controlled Assessment is completed and final preparations are underway for summer examinations.

There are now only 10 school weeks until the summer exam season begins. We will give the students as much support as we can but they must also be putting in the time out of school hours to focus on revision.

The revision timetable for this half term will be on our website by the end of this week. I would encourage students to participate in as many revision sessions as possible.

Please find below some key updates for this half-term, including key dates and events.

## ***Summer Exams***

The summer examination timetable is now on our website. Students will be receiving an individualised timetable this half term.

## ***Signing in***

If you are visiting the school to collect your child, please ensure you sign in at Reception. This is very important so we know who is on site, especially in case of an emergency.

We do appreciate that it is not always possible to get medical appointments out of school time, especially if this is a hospital appointment. If your son/daughter does have an appointment during the school day and the appointment is not until the afternoon, please ensure they are in school in the morning.

## ***Contact details***

If you change your contact details please let us know as soon as possible so that our student records are always up to date.

## ***Messages for students***

Although we appreciate that there will be occasions when parents/carers need to contact Reception to request that urgent and emergency messages be passed to students, we would be grateful if messages of a routine nature could be organised directly with students, out of school time, in order to minimise disruption to lessons.



## **Sixth Form Updates**

Year 12/13 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016. We would really appreciate as many parents/carers as possible attending this event, following the mock examination results. This will be the final Parents' Evening for Sixth Form parents before the summer examinations.

Year 13 students need to keep a close eye on their application dates for University as set by UCAS and ensure they apply for their first and insurance choices. Students can seek additional advice from the Sixth Form team.

We are launching 'BAGS2School' on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to raise money for the refugee crisis. Year 12 students will be running events with Year 7 and 8 students. The deadline for donations is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. Many thanks in advance for any contributions.

Offer letters to current Year 11 students, for Sixth Form places, will be issued by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016.

## **Planners**

Could you please ensure that you sign student planners on a weekly basis. Please contact us if there are any issues with Home Learning.

## **Staffing Updates**

Congratulations to Miss Booth (Head of English) and Miss Vickery (Year 9, 10, 11 Learning Manager) who both got married during half-term. Miss Booth will remain as Ms Booth and Miss Vickery will now be known as Mrs Coulson.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Holgate who has returned from maternity leave and Mrs Thompson, who returns from maternity leave on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016. I would like to thank Miss Doney for covering for Mrs Thompson; she has done an excellent job.

## **Careers Guidance**

If your son/daughter needs any help or advice about future careers, Mrs Lambert, our Careers Officer, can provide them with support.

## **Parents' Evening Survey Results**

We do take on board your comments and we really appreciate you taking the time to complete the surveys at Parents' Evenings. Results of surveys are also shared with Governors. As a result of feedback from the Year 10 Parents' Evening, we have changed the format of our surveys to provide more options in response to the statements. Please find the results of the surveys below:

### **Year 10 Parents' Evening:** 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016

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| 1. My child feels safe and happy at Settle College.  | 100% Yes                       |
| 2. The Parents' Evening I/we attended tonight was informative and helpful.                       | 100% Yes                       |
| 3. My child is making good progress at Settle College.   | 98% Yes, 2% No                 |
| 4. My child is well looked after at Settle College.  | 98% Yes, 2% No                 |
| 5. Settle College deals effectively with bullying  | 96% Yes, 2% Don't know, 2% N/A |
| 6. I receive valuable information about my child.  | 98% Yes, 2% Variable           |
| 7. My child is taught well at Settle College.  | 100% Yes                       |
| 8. Settle College makes sure its students are well behaved.                                      | 98% Yes, 2% No                 |
| 9. It easy to communicate with your child's teachers.  | 96% Yes, 2% No 2% Don't know   |
| 10. Settle College responds to any concerns I have   | 98% Yes 2% Not commented       |
| 11. My child has been well supported in their preparation for the next stage in their education. | 98% Yes, 2% No                 |
| 12. The school has responded well to any concerns I have raised.                                 | 56% Yes, 44% N/A               |
| 13. Would you recommend Settle College to another parent?  | 96% Yes, 4% Don't know         |
| 14. Settle College is well led and managed.  | 100% Yes                       |

**Year 8 Parents' Evening:** 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
My child feels safe and happy at Settle College	86%	14%			
The Parent' Evening I/We attended tonight was informative and helpful	75%	25%			
My child is making good progress at Settle College	75%	25%			
My child is well looked after at Settle College	83%	17%			
Settle College deals effectively with bullying	47%	28%	5.5%		19.5%
I receive valuable information about my child.	69%	31%			
My child is taught well at Settle College	80.5%	19.5%			
Settle College ensures its children are well behaved	61%	28%	5.5%		5.5%
It is easy to communicate with your child's teachers	69%	28%			3%
Settle College has responded well to any concerns I have raised ( as applicable)	61%	12%			17%
My child has been well supported in their preparation for the next stage of their education	73%	24%			3%
Would you recommend Settle College to another parent	86%	11%			3%
Settle College is well led and managed	83%	17%			

**ParentInfo**

This is a new free service for schools. The link can be found on our website in the Parent Section under 'Keeping Yourself Safe On Line.' Here you will find a collection of articles, tips, expert advice and resources designed to help parents keep up with what their children are doing on line. This resource was recently released by the Department for Education for parents.

**GCSE Options**

Letters to confirm options for current Year 9 and 10 students will be issued by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at the latest.

**Dates for your diary**

w/c Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Mock Exams commence (for 2 weeks)

Parents As Learners (Science) (6:00pm-7:00pm) (Library)

World Book Day

Years 9-11 Netball Trip to Boreatton Park

Year 12 Geography Trip to Bradford

Year 7 Parents' Evening (4:30pm-6:30pm)

Post-16 Geography Trip to Iceland

Year 12/13 Parents' Evening (4:30pm-6:30pm)

Parents As Learners (English) (6:00pm-7:00pm) (Library)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016

Year 9/10 Immunisations  
Parents As Learners (Maths) (6:00pm-7:00pm) (Library)  
Progress Reviews issued  
**EASTER HOLIDAY**  
**SUMMER TERM COMMENCES**  
Year 13 Geography Trip to London  
Post 16 Offers published  
**MAY BANK HOLIDAY**  
**HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

With all best wishes,

*M Costello*

**Ms Costello**  
**Principal**