

MKD/jfr
13th July 2018



Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you, sadly for the last time, as my time at The Vyne draws to a close. Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you for all your support, not only throughout the past year, but also for the whole of the 8 years that I have had the pleasure of working at The Vyne.

I would like to highlight the following important information for the end of this term and for the forthcoming academic year:

Early Closure Thursday 19th July 2018

As is normal, we will be closing early on the final day of term at **12.20pm**, following the traditional end of year whole school celebration assembly. We have arranged for the school bus to leave school at the earlier time of 12.30pm. Please note that Friday 20th July and Monday 23rd July are INSET days.

The last day of term will be a non-uniform day. Students should be sensible in their choice of clothing and footwear and dress appropriately for school. Please also remember that unconventional hairstyles and body adornments are unacceptable. This non-uniform day is offered by me as a reward to staff and students for all their hard work this year and no £1 contribution is required.

Start of Autumn Term Wednesday 5th September 2018

Monday 3rd September and Tuesday 4th September are both INSET days so all students will return to school on Wednesday 5th September 2018. Years 7 and 11 return at the normal start time of 8.30am and Years 8, 9 and 10 at the slightly later time of 9.45am. Please note the bus timetable detailed below which includes a second bus for those students starting later.

	1st Bus	2nd Bus
Mattock Way, Thumwood	0722	0901
Hanmore Rd, Chineham Arms	0726	0905
Chineham Village Hall	0731	0910
Chineham Centre, Tesco	0736	0915
Carpenters Down, Falkland Rd	0741	0920
Vyne School, Queen Mary Ave	0756	0935

New Pastoral System

From September 2018 there will be a change to the way that pastoral care is structured at The Vyne. Students will now be overseen by a Year Leader instead of a House Leader, as is the case in the current system. This change is being made to reflect the fact that alongside the pastoral care of your child on a day to day basis it is also vitally important that regular conversations happen with you and your child about their academic progress. This will be the Year Leader's role. Students will remain in their houses and the house system will still be a strong feature of day to day life at school. If you are looking to replace your child's tie in the summer they will still need to purchase the tie with the stripe/logo in the correct colour.

Headteacher Mr Mark Kingswood

Year Leaders for 2018/19:

Year 7 – Mr M Duffy

Year 8 – Mr J Crees

Year 9 – Miss L Buckland

Year 10 – Mr S Coomber

Year 11 – Mr A Morey

School Improvements

As you may have seen, the construction of the 3G pitch is underway and is scheduled to be operational by October. This will be a fantastic addition to our sports facilities to both students and our local community. Thank you to Sharon Edwards, our Community Manager, for all her hard work for making this happen!

Uniform

Can I please ask parents to ensure that their children attend school fully compliant with our uniform policy. Our policy and requirements can be found on our website, however I would draw your attention particularly to our policies on piercings, hoodies/tracksuit tops, extreme hairstyles and styles of trouser/skirt for girls. We are uncompromising on our standards and students returning to school with unacceptable piercings will be required to remove them or will be kept in isolation until they agree to do so.

We understand that 'fashion' haircuts come and go but again it quite clearly states in student planners and on the website under school uniform and expectations that extreme hair styles are not allowed in school. To further clarify the school's definition of extreme hairstyle, it is any unnatural colour or patches of colour against a different colour. Furthermore, patches of extremely short shaved hair against hair of greater length or **skin fades** are not permitted. Lines and patterns in hair continue to not be allowed in school and any shaved hair should not be shorter than grade 2.

A reminder that students in Year 11 must purchase the navy jumper and the navy and red tie with the appropriate house logo. These are available from Skoolkit and again, full details are available on our website.

PE Kit

Could any students who have left PE kit in the PE department over the course of the year collect it, as any remaining kit will be disposed of after the end of term.

Cycle Helmets

It has been highlighted to me again that there is still an issue with students at The Vyne not wearing cycle helmets when cycling to school. All students are required to wear a helmet for their own safety and senior members of staff will be carrying out stringent checks each morning. Students not wearing a helmet will not be allowed to cycle to school.

Can I also remind students that they should NOT be riding their bikes in the school grounds. There have been several incidents recently of students riding through the car park at speed which has nearly caused an accident. We therefore ask students to walk their bikes when inside the school gates.

School Equipment

We will be checking regularly that students have the correct equipment for school. This list can be found in the student planner, but for clarity, students **must** have the following every day:

Pencils

Pens (black or blue ink)

Eraser

Ruler

Sharpener

Student Planner

Scientific Calculator

A Private Reading Book

In addition, it would be helpful if students had a set of coloured pencils.

Clearly, if this equipment is forgotten, it will be lent to students. However, if this happens often students can expect to be detained after school. It is my responsibility as the Headteacher to ensure that your child does not lose valuable learning time from being ill-equipped for school.

School Policies

I would also like to bring your attention to the school's policies which can be found on our website under the information tab.

Staffing Update

As usual, we have some staff moving on at the end of this year. This is always a sad time and we wish them all the best for the future. However, we have made some outstanding appointments and we are again, fully staffed this year. A full list of staff arriving and leaving is as follows:

Staff leaving

<i>Miss F Berwick</i>	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
<i>Mr D Clark</i>	<i>Computing</i>
<i>Mr O Evans</i>	<i>English</i>
<i>Mrs R Foster</i>	<i>Maths</i>
<i>Mr R Haynes</i>	<i>Maths</i>
<i>Mrs S Kemp</i>	<i>Assistant Headteacher</i>
<i>Miss P Lacy</i>	<i>English</i>
<i>Mr D Morgan</i>	<i>Science</i>
<i>Mr G Pooles</i>	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>

Staff joining

<i>Miss J Brown</i>	<i>Geography</i>
<i>Miss L Buckland</i>	<i>English and Head of Year 9</i>
<i>Miss C Floyd</i>	<i>Maths</i>
<i>Mr S Head</i>	<i>Maths</i>
<i>Miss T Hollingshead</i>	<i>English</i>
<i>Mrs R Jain</i>	<i>Maths</i>
<i>Mrs C James</i>	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
<i>Miss N Jamieson</i>	<i>Science</i>
<i>Ms K Johnston</i>	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
<i>Mrs J Jones</i>	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
<i>Mrs A Khatun</i>	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
<i>Miss M Roberts</i>	<i>Cover Supervisor</i>
<i>Miss V Selway</i>	<i>MFL</i>

In addition to the above, Miss N Lawler will be assuming a new role within the school as an HLTA with effect from September.

We would also like to pass on our good wishes to Mrs V Allen in Community who is due to have a baby in August and to Miss L Andrews in Admissions/SEN department who will be getting married over the summer break and will be returning in September as Mrs White.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and relaxing summer break and wish your children all the very best of luck for the remainder of their time at The Vyne.

Yours sincerely



Mark Kingswood
Headteacher

Important Dates for 2018/19

AUTUMN 2018	
Monday 3rd September	INSET day
Tuesday 4th September	INSET day
Wednesday 5 th September	Years 7 and 11 start at 8.30am Years 8, 9 and 10 start at 9.45am
Thursday 13 th September 6.00pm to 7.00pm	Year 11 Parent Information Evening and Revision Workshop
Thursday 20 th September 6.00pm to 7.00pm	Year 10 Parent Information Evening and Work Experience Briefing
Tuesday 25 th September	Whole School Photographs early closure for Open Evening @ 1.20pm
Wednesday 26th September	INSET day
Thursday 27 th September 6.00pm to 8.00pm	Careers Fair
Thursday 11 th October 4.00pm to 6.30pm	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
HALF TERM: Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October 2018	
Thursday 1 st November 4.00pm to 7.00pm	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Monday 12 th November to Friday 23 rd November	Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations
Wednesday 12 th December	The Vyne Arts Christmas Show
Thursday 13 th December	Christmas Concert
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch Staff Panto
Friday 21st December	End of Term – early closure @ 12.20pm

SPRING 2019	
Monday 7th January	Start of Term
Thursday 10 th January 4.00pm to 7.00pm	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 24 th January 4.00pm to 7.00pm	Year 9 Parents' Evening
HALF TERM: Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019	
Monday 25th February	INSET day
Thursday 7 th March 6.00pm to 8.00pm	KS4 Choices Evening
Monday 11 th March to Friday 22 nd March	Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations
Thursday 14 th March 12.30pm to 5.00pm	KS4 Choices Interviews – early closure @ 12.20pm for Year 9
Friday 5th April 2019	End of Term – 2.40pm finish

SUMMER 2019	
Tuesday 23rd April	Start of Term
Thursday 25 th April 4.00pm to 7.00pm	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 th May 4.00pm to 7.00pm	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Monday 13 th May	GCSE Examinations start
Friday 24th May	INSET day
HALF TERM: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019	
Monday 24 th June to Thursday 27 th June	End of Year Exams (Years 7 to 10)
Friday 28 th June	Sports Day
Monday 8 th July to Friday 19 th July	Year 10 Work Experience
Thursday 18 th July 6.00pm to 7.30pm	Awards Evening
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term – early closure @ 12.20pm