

March 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians

We have once again had a very busy term with many achievements and important dates approaching which I would like to bring to your attention.

Charity Events

Red nose day is Friday 13th March. We will be selling red noses in school. Students may wear a red hijab to school on Friday, this is optional.

Work Experience

Year 10 will be out of school on work experience from Monday the 29th June to Friday the 10th July 2009 (10 days)

Exam Dates

Exam Series begins on Wednesday the 13th May with the last exam Tuesday 23rd June.

Further individual details will be given to your daughters shortly. Please actively encourage her to revise for her exams in order to achieve her full potential Inshaallah.

We are currently discussing study dates and will let you know in due course however, we may look at early study leave for some students and will discuss this on an individual basis.

Trips/Visits

We have had many trips and visits. Sixth form students have been to the theatre to help with their English coursework. Some year 8 students have visited Rodley nature reserve as part of our exciting new project with our Eco-lodge, more information to follow.

New Reception

Thank you for your patience during the building work. I am pleased to let you know that the new reception will be opening on the 16th March.

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Confederation

As you are aware we are part of the Central Confederation and one of 14 secondary schools that meet regularly and work together on a variety of issues. Katy Simmons is our designated Police officer and will be working with us on Thursday in school, meeting with students, primarily that have been excluded to discuss intervention and how students can manage their behaviour to prevent any repeated events.

Careers Website

The Careers section of the College website has recently been updated. It now provides useful information for students and their parents/carers, including a Parents and Carers' Guide to 14-19 options. There is also a link to the Bradford4Learning prospectus. The Careers Bradford website link contains valuable information on Adult and Youth Choices, Training and Apprenticeships. Please let us know if there is any other information you would find helpful.

Our Connexions Personal Advisor, who can provide careers guidance and information, is Christine Airey. She can be contacted by leaving a message in the Library or by telephoning 01274 829429.

Get Fit

Mums invited into school on Friday morning, 27 March. We are offering 1 hour sessions led by an NHS Leader to give you a chance to take part in sitting and standing exercises to help heart, muscles and bones and improve your breathing, to help you to feel happy and healthy followed by a chance to explore Peel Park on a Ladies only Walk. **Booking essential by Friday 20 March - first come first served.** *Please ring Mrs Kennedy on 599515 for more details.*

Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 1 April - Year 10 Consultation evening
- Friday 3rd April - School closes at 3.00 pm for the Spring break, reopening Monday 20th April.
- Monday 4th May - School will be closed for bank holiday.
- Examination series begins on Wednesday 13th May with the last exam Tuesday 23rd June.

I have also attached the calendar for 2009/2010.

Thank you as always for your continued support, any feedback will be greatly received.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Skelding
Headteacher