

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

The onset of spring and the brighter nights is always uplifting. With the development of the school site now underway, there are tangible signs of growth emerging. Here are the key end of term updates:

### 1. Reception is being demolished; visitors by appointment only going forwards.

Over the Easter holidays our reception will be demolished. As such, visitors to school will be by appointment only for the next four terms. We will no longer have a lobby area to accommodate visitors until all of the building work is completed in September 2025. Unfortunately, in the meantime, any visitors will have to wait uncovered outside until the member of staff is ready to meet them. Please can parents ensure that students are correctly equipped for the school day and avoid dropping off anything other than the most essential items, for example medication.

Similarly, if students contact their parents directly saying they don't feel well, which they regularly do, please could the parent contact the ASR first by phone or email or wait until the ASR contacts them before coming to collect their child rather than just turning up. This is the normal procedure in any event. Also, if parents are collecting their child for an appointment, please arrange to meet your child nearby rather than driving onto the site to avoid occupying spaces needed for visitors who have appointments.

### 2. Additional toilets available for Year 7 students after Easter

Whilst our new toilet block is being constructed, we have allocated specific toilet areas to different year groups. This has improved behaviour in the toilet areas. However, to add further capacity after Easter, Year 7 will also be able to use the toilets previously used by staff outside the Hall.

### 3. Work so far

Many parents will not have seen first hand the building work to date. The following images will give you a flavour of the enabling works outside school and the demolition of G60 to create a larger toilet block ready for September:



I will keep you informed of upcoming developments on a regular basis when there are operational implications. As things stand, we are expecting that all work will be completed for the start of the 2025-26 academic year.

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#### 4. Other news

It is remarkable how much can be packed into 5 school weeks and the opportunities available to our students reflect the advantages of a big school. This short half term has seen a Physics trip to Iceland, Spanish trip to Valencia, Sociology trip to Shrewsbury Prison, Science trip to Symphony Hall, Geography field trips to Birmingham, English trip to The Guardian newspaper, Duke of Edinburgh fieldwork for Bronze and Gold students, whilst our students have participated in a Music gig, Food Bank College competition and the Warwickshire Book Awards. We have had Parents Evenings for Year 8 and 9 students to advise their option choices and preferences and administered HPV vaccinations and the Year 11 group photograph. Meanwhile, our Upper School students have undertaken mock and practical examinations and submitted coursework assignments and all Year 12 have visited a university. Our sports teams have been competing with many progressing through to the final stages of local, regional and even national competitions. Over Easter we are running a ski trip to Austria and our Football Academy students are on tour in Spain. The first week back after Easter will see us hosting guests from our French Exchange partner school.

I am proud to lead such a dedicated team of professionals who give so readily of their time to create such wonderful opportunities for our students. With the builders on site and our Multi Academy Trust consultation underway, it really is an exciting school to be part of. Some of you may be interested to read my article in this week's edition of The Stratford Herald about the importance of politicians framing and funding a brighter future for our young people. As ever, our X account (formerly Twitter) [@StraUponAvonSch](#) contains regular updates from school.

We look forward to welcoming all students back at 8.45am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April. With very best wishes for a safe and Happy Easter,

Yours sincerely,



Mr Neil Wallace  
Headteacher

#### SUMMER TERM EXTRA CURRICULAR PE TIMETABLE:



## Extracurricular

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rounders - Field (EHA, LST, SWA, GWN)	Athletics - Track (GWN, JCA, SWA)		Tennis - Courts (EHA, ABE, PXT)	Table tennis - Gym
Cricket - Astro (ABE, JCA)	Basketball (yr7) – Sports Hall		Sports Leaders (OLA) – invite only (Yr9s)	Basketball (yr8/9) Sports Hall