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Letter from the
Head of School

Mr P Miller

Dear Parents / carers,

Partial school closure 5 July and 7 July: Please note that there will be a partial Secondary school closure on Wednesday 5 July and on Friday 7 July, due to strike action by the NEU. All parents should make the necessary childcare arrangements for these two days, although we hope to have some provision for Key Stage 4 students. Further details will be published on the school website shortly.

Summer weather: as the summer weather is here to stay, a reminder about 'summer uniform'. This means that students:

- must continue to bring blazers to school and will be expected to show these at the school gate
- can choose not to wear their blazers during the school day
- cannot wear a jumper instead of a blazer
- must continue to wear all other uniform items in the usual way

Therefore, the options are:

- Shirt/blouse only (blazer carried, or in bag) - recommended
- Shirt/blouse + blazer
- Shirt/blouse + jumper + blazer – not advised, given the current high temperatures

If we have extremely hot weather an announcement may be made on the day regarding ties.

Additionally, please can you remind your son/daughter to remain hydrated: bringing water into school (ideally in refillable, reusable bottles - NOT made of glass!), purchasing drinks in the canteen, or using the free water available via the canteen/water fountains. Students are expected to be organised in this matter, and teachers will not be allowing students to go to the water fountains during lessons.

Exams: The public examination season is now over, and this week Year 11 students celebrated in style at their end of year Prom at Forty Hall. We are confident that the hard work of staff and students to prepare for these exams will lead to results students and the school can be proud of. Further details about the 'results days' on 17 August (A Levels) and 24 August (GCSEs) will follow. Students in Years 7-9 have been revising and sitting their end-of-year exams. It is important that teachers and parents / carers work together to encourage all students to keep up those good habits of high attendance, good attitude towards learning and completing homework and revision right up until the end of the school year.

Upcoming events and important dates:

- Wednesday 5 July: Partial school closure due to NEU strike action – see website for details
- Thursday 6 July New Year 6-7 Welcome event
- Friday 7 July: Partial school closure due to NEU strike action – see website for details
- w/c Monday 10 July: celebration assemblies for each year group start
- Friday 21 July: last day of the school term and year

Our Weekly Newsletter aims to provide our school community with news, updates, important announcements and key dates. However, if you do have any questions, please contact the school via info@edact.org.uk in the first instance. Thank you for your continued support.



Paul Miller, Head of School

Office News

Water

It is important for us to keep hydrated for our bodies to carry out all of its functions. Children, in particular, need to make sure they re-hydrate as water is the primary way they regulate their body temperature, especially during warm/hot days.

Students should be reminded to remain hydrated by: bringing water into school (ideally in refillable, reusable bottles), purchasing drinks in the canteen or using the free water available in the canteen/water fountains.



Hayfever

At this time of the year it can be very distressing for your child if they suffer with hay fever. Please remind your child to take their medication to avoid unnecessary suffering. It should be sufficient for them to take their antihistamine medication at night or before school which would help reduce their symptoms and subsequently disruptions to lessons. A consent form can be obtained from the welfare office for eye drops and/or nasal sprays to be taken during the school day.

Although there is currently no cure for hay fever and it can't be prevented. Things can be done to ease some of the symptoms when the pollen count is high. Please see the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hay-fever> for more information.

In addition, please be aware we do not hold any other medication, except paracetamol or medication that has been prescribed for which we require consent to be administered in school.

Ms S Patel

Administration Manager - Bury & Cambridge Campus

TERM DATES 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023

INSET – Friday 01 September 2023

First half: Monday 04 September 2023 – Thursday 19 October 2023

Half-term: Friday 20 October 2023 – Monday 30 October 2023

Second half: Tuesday 31 October 2023 – Thursday 21 December 2023

INSET – Friday 22 December 2023

Spring Term 2024

First half: Monday 08 January 2024 – Friday 9 February 2024

Half-term: Monday 12 February 2024 – Friday 16 February 2024

Second half: Monday 19 February 2024 – Wednesday 27 March 2024

INSET – Thursday 28 March 2024

Summer Term 2024

First half: Monday 15 April 2024 – Friday 24 May 2024

Half-term: Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024

Second half: Monday 03 June 2024 – Friday 19 July 2024

INSET – Staff Professional Development Days – School is closed to students

Friday 01 September 2023

Friday 22 December 2023

Thursday 28 March 2024

Public & Bank Holidays

Christmas Holiday: Monday 25 December and Tuesday 26 December 2023

New Year's Day: Monday 01 January 2024

Easter Holiday: Friday 29 March and Monday 1 April 2024

Spring Holiday: Monday 06 and Monday 27 May 2024

Summer Holiday: Monday 26 August 2024



IMPORTANT EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Dear Candidates/Parents

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

- Make sure you check the seating plans posted in the playground in case there is a change of room for your exam (line up in the playground at least 15 minutes before the start time)
- Bring all the equipment you will need for the exam [black pens, pencils, ruler, calculator (where allowed), protractor, compasses]
- Full school uniform/smart business wear needs to be worn, with IDs placed on the exam desk
- Make sure you understand the rules
- Mobile phones/smart watches, or any other product with potential technological/web enabled sources of information must be switched off and put in bags. **Any student found with such a device on them in an exam room will face disqualification from that exam**
- Any pencil cases taken into the exam room must be see-through
- Only small water bottles will be allowed into the exam room and must have all labels removed

You must not take into the exam room:

- Notes
- a calculator case/instruction leaflet

Listen to the invigilators and follow their instructions during the exam.

Good luck with your revision and the exams!

Ms G Boniface

Examinations Manager

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Date	Start	Len	Component Title
Mon 3 Jul	08:30	All day	Y10 Drama Coursework – Bury
Mon 3 Jul	08:30	01:00	Y9 Reading tests (9xy/En1, En2, En3)
Mon 3 Jul	13:40	01:00	Y9 Reading tests (9vw/En1, En2, En3)
Tue 4 Jul	08:30	All day	Y10 Drama Coursework – Cambridge
Thu 6 Jul	08:30	01:00	Y9 Reading tests (9vw/En4, En5)
Thu 6 Jul	13:20	01:00	Y9 Reading Tests (9xy/En4, En5)

LITERACY NEWS

Book Vending Machine

Now open for nominations!



Staff can now nominate students who have done outstanding work in literacy (reading, writing or speaking and listening).

Open to all subjects and all year groups!

Just email

Lportelli@edact.org.uk with the name of the student and a brief reason for the nomination!

Students will then go into a prize draw for the chance to win a token for the vending machine!

The spin the wheel prize draw will take place in assembly in a few weeks time!



Winners will receive the book of their choice complete with a special prize label and a certificate for achievement in literacy!

Good Luck!



Secondary Assemblies – w/c: 3rd July 2023

	Bury Campus - Hall	Cambridge Campus - Gym
Monday 3rd July	Year 10	Year 10
Tuesday 4th July		
Wednesday 5th July		
Thursday 6th July		
Friday 7th July		

Top Tutor Groups For Attendance W/C 19th June 2023



8B1 - 100%

8B3 - 99.6%

Overall Bury Attendance - 94.6%

Overall Cambridge Attendance - 93.3%



Mrs M Corfe - Attendance Officer



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