

Secondary School

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Dear Parents,

KEY STAGE 3

Last term was generally a good term for students in Key Stage 3 with the vast majority of students doing very well across their subjects and taking part in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. Many students managed 100% attendance and poor punctuality was rare. Very few 'pink slips' were issued to our students in Years 7, 8 and 9 and, on the whole, students wore the correct uniform.

In PSHE we learnt about making a positive contribution in school and at home. We also analysed our styles of learning and became more aware of whether we were visual, auditory or kinaesthetic learners. If you want to find out more about this there are lots of websites with tests available and advice on study methods to suit different learners. Children are best to try to widen the variety of styles they learn by, as teachers generally incorporate all into their lessons. Finally we spent some time discussing different ways of revising for exams.

This term PSHE moves on to look at safety where we are concentrating on how children can be safe on the Internet. Numerous organisations now exist with useful advice, aimed at parents, on their websites. Later in the term PSHE focuses on Relationships and Staying Healthy. Students will be learning about relationships in the family and with friends, puberty, pregnancy and contraceptives. More information will be sent to some parents nearer the time.

We had an excellent turnout at parents evening for Key Stage 3 and I expect we will have even more parents this term following the reports with exam scores. I would like to see fewer absences from a handful of students and more blue and yellow slips for all students.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Bowers