

8 July 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

As we approach the end of an extremely busy term, I would like to update you on a number of important dates and events which affect your child.

Attendance: As you may be aware, we are currently running an 'Attendance Streak' competition. All students who achieve 100% attendance between 24 June and 19 July will be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win an exciting prize. We hope that lots of students will reach this milestone and look forward to working with you and your children next year to achieve our attendance target throughout the year. The launch of our Positive Discipline Policy has been incredibly successful and we have been delighted by the achievements of our young people; the 'Rewards Shop' will open soon and students will have the chance to exchange their points for prizes or save them up for bigger prizes in the next academic year.

Year 7 Drama: Our Year 7 drama students are hosting a performance on Monday 15 July after their drama workshop; tickets are available for £2 per person. We would be delighted if you could join us at this event.

Annual Sports Day: On Friday 19 July we are hosting our annual Sports Day. This will be an exciting celebration event and all students are invited to come to school in sports clothing or their PE kits. We hope that the sun will shine on the last day of term so please encourage your child to wear sun cream and suitable headwear.

School will close for the summer holidays at 12.30pm on Friday 19 July and school transport has been organised for this time.

Autumn Term 2019: The autumn term begins on **Tuesday 3 September**; school is closed on Monday 2 September due to teacher training. We have adopted new procedures for the beginning of the school year and your support in ensuring that children arrive punctually would be appreciated. School begins for new **Year 7 students at 8.40am** with gates opening at 8.15am; **for all other year groups school begins at 11.30am**. If your child normally travels using the **school service bus** and has no other way to travel, arrangements will be made to supervise him/her on arrival at 8.30am. Please ensure that your child arrives to school wearing the full school uniform, paying particular attention to our rules on footwear and jewellery. You can find a copy of our uniform policy on the school's website; however, should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Key Dates and Timings for the Academic Year 2019-2020: Attached to this letter you will find the holiday dates and timings of the school day for the next academic year.

Annual Open Evening: Please note that our annual open evening will take place on **Tuesday 24 September from 6pm – 8.30pm**. In order to allow students and staff to prepare for this key event in our school calendar, the school will close to students at 12.15pm. School transport will be organised for this time. On **Wednesday 25 September** school will reopen to students at 9.30am; students who normally travel using the **school service bus** and have no other way to travel will be supervised on arrival at 8.30am.

Staffing: We are saying goodbye to a number of staff at the end of the academic year and further details will follow in our end-of-term newsletter. I would however like to take this opportunity to let parents know that our in-school counsellor Mrs Garton is leaving the school and the counselling service we offer is being reviewed. Mrs Garton has been a tremendous support to many of our young people and I would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment to George Pindar School.

This has been a busy and at times challenging year for the school but we find ourselves in a strong position as we approach the summer holidays. Your children continue to make us feel extremely Proud To Be Pindar and we are looking forward to working with them when they return to us in September. The home-school-student partnership continues to be of the utmost importance and I would like to thank you for your support. As ever, should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a pleasant and relaxing summer holiday; I look forward to enjoying the next two weeks with your children and will see them again in September.

Yours sincerely



Lesley Welsh
Principal

Timings of the School Day 2019-2020

8.35am:	School Open
8.40am-9.10am:	Registration
9.10am-10.10am:	Period 1
10.10am-11.10am:	Period 2
11.10am-11.30am:	Morning Break
11.30am-12.30pm:	Period 3
12.30pm-1.00pm:	KS3 Lunch (Students in Years 7 and 8)
12.30pm-1.30pm:	KS4 Period 4 (Students in Years 9, 10, 11)
1.00pm-2.00pm:	KS3 Period 4 (Students in Years 7 and 8)
1.30pm-2.00pm:	KS4 Lunch (Students in Years 9, 10, 11)
2.00pm-3.00pm:	Period 5

Holiday Dates for the Academic Year 2019-2020

The Training/Professional Development Days are as follows:

Monday 2 September 2019
Monday 6 January 2020
Monday 24 February 2020
Tuesday 25 February 2020
Monday 20 July 2020

Term dates for students are as follows:

	<u>SCHOOL CLOSES</u> <u>After school</u>	<u>SCHOOL RE-OPENS</u> <u>Morning</u>
2019		
Autumn Half Term	Friday 25 October	Tuesday 3 September
Christmas	Friday 20 December	Monday 4 November
		Tuesday 7 January 2020
2020		
Spring Half term	Friday 14 February	Wednesday 26 February
Easter	Friday 3 April	Monday 20 April
May Day	Thursday 7 May	Monday 11 May
Spring Bank Week	Friday 22 May	Monday 1 June
Summer	Friday 17 July	