

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Dear SGS Forest families,

We hope this letter finds you safe and well.

### **Ofsted monitoring visit**

We are not able to share details of the inspectors' findings with you until their report is published, but we would like to thank all of you who used the Parent View survey to tell Ofsted about all the progress the school is making, as well as the things we need to keep improving.

### **Year 7 information event**

A reminder to Year 7 parents and carers that our Heads of House and Deputy Heads of House are holding an information event for you, on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 3.30-4.30pm. The event will begin with a presentation for all Year 7 parents and carers and will then break out into sessions for each House, where you can ask questions. Our SEND and wellbeing teams will be there too.

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

This is going to be a busy day in Cinderford:

- We are holding our Year 6 Open Morning from 10am to midday, including lots of chances to meet staff and students, plus talks from us at 1030 and 1115.
- The school is also hosting the Cinderford Community Showcase on our sports field, from 11am to 2pm. Please see the flyer that accompanies this letter.
- St Stephen's Church has a family fun day, from 10am-1pm, in aid of the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity.

### **PE kit**

We expect students to remove all jewellery at the start of PE lessons, even that which is permitted by our school uniform rules. This is for students' health and safety. Also, we are happy for students to wear trainers of any colour, but again for their own health and safety, they may not wear leisure footwear such as Converse shoes for example. Please do be proactive in contacting the school if you have any questions about this, so that it does not affect your child's participation in PE.

### **Toilets**

We are delighted that our brand-new toilet blocks are completed, six weeks ahead of the project schedule. Students will start using these toilets from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. There will be a set of toilets for girls' use only, a set for boys' use only and a set that can be used by any student. We will include more information in next week's letter.

Finally, Shana Tova (a good year) to any families celebrating Rosh Hashanah (Jewish new year) this weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

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