



NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Executive Principal



17th November 2021

Dear Stantonbury families

It was a few weeks since I last wrote to update you on progress as we seek to make rapid progress at Stantonbury School. In this letter I will briefly outline some of the key areas of focus for this term and to invite you to get involved in a conversation about what the Stantonbury School uniform should look like for next academic year.

Safeguarding

As you know, safeguarding is our highest priority. This week an external safeguarding expert visited the school to carry out the second part of a detailed audit that assesses how effective our safeguarding culture is. The audit was wide ranging, and the consultant met with groups of students from across the year groups, met with staff who are involved in leading safeguarding and reviewed our key policies and procedures. We will share the findings of this in-depth review as soon as the report is available, but the initial verbal feedback indicates that some good progress has been made in ensuring that the safeguarding culture is stronger and more pervasive.

From a safety and security point of view we expect the fencing contractor to start replacing some key sections of fencing before the end of term. Unfortunately supplies of steel have delayed this project a little.

Teaching and learning

We are continuing with our focus on **Be Learning** by developing strong classroom routines. The feedback from students about this has been positive so far and many report that they are finding the focus on routines helpful and that it has reduced the incidence of low level behaviour that causes disruption. We have some work to do to make this completely consistent across the school in every subject and every lesson, but good progress is being made. Some students have not been prepared to engage in the way that we would wish, and we have taken a firm line against students who wish to continue to disrupt learning and will continue to do so. As Mr Wilson mentioned in his recent newsletter, we have introduced four climates for learning to help students to focus on learning and to further strengthen lesson routines. During our learning walks and lesson visits this half term we shall be assessing the impact of this.

Parent survey

I was pleased to see a good number of responses to our recent parent survey and delighted that so many of you were happy to put your name to your answers. Mr Wilson and the team have analysed the results and we may well be coming back to you with some follow up

questions and discussions. I recognise how important it is for parents to have a voice and opportunity to provide feedback. Please do not hesitate to email in your ideas and thoughts.

Uniform 2022-23

Although next September seems a long way off if we wish to make any changes to the school uniform, we should be doing this now. I have had an initial conversation with the Academy Improvement Board to agree to some broad principles about general uniform criteria. It is their wish that our future uniform should be able to be purchased from a wide range of high street and online suppliers and to be as affordable as possible. I would now like to speak to a group of parents to hear your views. At this stage I think a small group of 8 to 10 parents would be the best starting point. We will then be able to widen the consultation through an online survey. If you are interested in being part of this initial conversation, please email alyson.taylor@stantonbury.org.uk.

Thank you for taking time to read this update and for your continued support of Stantonbury School.

Yours sincerely



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