



Island Learning Centre

Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer term is always busy, what with year 11 examinations and planning for their futures and a number of other children getting ready to transition back to their mainstream schools.

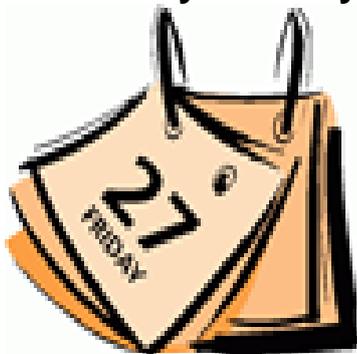
As usual we finished the term with our celebration assembly which is always a great remainder of the effort and progress that most children make in important areas for success at school, such as improving their attendance, increasing knowledge and putting in excellent effort in a particular subject area, as well as being helpful and courteous to others.



Visitors to the Centre regularly comment on the quality of the work on display and in students' books and this is testament to the hard work of staff and students. We sadly say goodbye to Teresa Brimble-Brennan, our family Liaison Officer who I know has often been the first contact with parents and carers. Teresa is moving to work in another directorate within the Council and we wish her all the best in her new post. We will be welcoming in September a number of new staff including a new lead for mathematics and lead for PSHE. The signs are good at the moment that the glorious weather will be continuing so I hope you and your family are able to enjoy each other and our wonderful island over the next few weeks. I hope you have a great summer break and look forward to welcoming back the students on Wednesday 4th September. Best wishes

Jackie

Dates for your diary



Start of next term: **Wednesday 4th September 2019**
Autumn Half Term Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November

Start of term **Monday 4th November 2019**
End of autumn term Friday 20th December 2019

Start of spring term **Monday 6th January 2020**
Spring half term Monday 17th -February 2020

Start of term **Monday 24th February 2020**
End of spring term Friday 3rd April 2020

Easter Holiday Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April

Start of summer Term **Monday 20th April 2020**
Summer half term Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
End of summer term Friday 24th July 2020

INSET days – school closed
for students
2nd & 3rd September 2019, 23rd
December 2019, 20th April 2020 & 6th
July 2020.



Our uniform is white polo top or shirt; black trousers (no ripped jeans) or skirt; black sweatshirt or jumper and black shoes or trainers. All clothing should be plain and without logos. Hoodies are **not** uniform and will need to be left in lockers if brought to school.

Lockers – All personal items are to be placed in the lockers, please ensure that your child does not bring a large bag to school, there are no facilities for oversized bags.

Thank you to parents and carers for helping us to get our students looking smart. Uniform has been much better this year and we want all children to show they are ready for school, by arriving in the correct uniform. Sweatshirts are available to purchase for £6 which is the amount that will be charged if sweatshirts are borrowed but not returned at the end of the day when students' lockers are opened.

Attendance and Absence



Whilst I am pleased to report that our attendance rates in most year groups have improved, the overall rate of 80% has still not been achieved. There is much evidence from the Department of Education that shows the importance of attending school regularly and punctually. This is important in all years but even more so for children in Year 11. One piece of research demonstrates that a child who attends school for 90% of the time is more than twice more likely than a child who attends for 60% of the time to secure five good grades at GCSE. GCSE courses are two years long. Two or three years' work cannot be made up in the three months before the exams so do please encourage students to not miss school if at all possible..

Our school day starts at **9.00am**. Breakfast items are available from 8.45 – 9.00 am for any students who wish to have a drink and something to eat. This is a good opportunity to get organised and settled for the day.



It is very important that children are in the building by 9am and the small number of children who are still remaining outside of the building after school has started, will be expected to make the time up at the end of that day. Should this happen more than twice in the week, will be given a 'LATE DETENTION on a Friday after the other children have left..

Can I remind students and parents/carers that students, other than those in Year 11 who have earned it, are NOT allowed off the school site during the day



The procedure to report a student absence is to call the Centre on 300333 and leave a message with the receptionist. If the call is before 8.30 am there is an answerphone to leave your message.

