

Thursday 04<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear parent(s) / carer(s),

As the end of the Spring Term approaches I would like to thank you all for your continued support. If you have a child in Year 11 you will be very aware that we have been focusing on revision for the upcoming GCSE examinations and we will be keeping you updated with the examination timetables and requirements for this. For those of you who do not have children in Year 11 we will keep you updated with the plans during exam season!

**Over the past term we have had some excellent successes:**

- ✓ 12 pupils are currently taken the Entry Level Science qualification and 16 of our children have completed their Functional Skills English and Maths at a variety of levels.
- ✓ We raised £56 for Comic Relief through a cake sale that was coordinated by our new Enrichment and Life Skills teacher, Carl.
- ✓ Our collaboration with Bedales Independent School has continued with a new group of learners. This is an opportunity for some of our pupils to learn in an exciting new environment on a weekly basis. This included blacksmithing, working with farm animals and rustic country cooking.
- ✓ We have continued working with local primary and secondary colleagues to deliver our own Attachment and Trauma Informed training.

**Changes and information for Summer Term 2019 that you need to be aware of:**

- Mrs Abbigail Price, one of our LSA team has left us and she will be replaced by Thomas King who should be joining us after the Easter break.
- Our first day back is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019
- School uniform standards and procedures will continue.
- Our reporting plan will now consist of termly reports home and meetings can be more frequent if you require them to be. We have updated our parent communication information on the website so please refer to this and let us know if you wish to hear from us more frequently!

**Our School priorities this coming academic year are as follows:**

- Ensuring excellent learning and progress for all pupils
- Improving attendance across the school
- Further developing our approach to behaviours within the school in line with trauma informed practice

Thank you for continuing to work with us all to get the best outcomes for your children. We are incredibly grateful for the positive interactions we have with parents and carers and we will continue to be committed to developing and improving our school in line with your feedback. Being the Head teacher

here at The Key is a wonderful privilege and I am always so impressed by the positive relationships I see with our staff and your children. This creates the foundation for all of the progress that is made here.

Yours faithfully

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