

Sunday 25th October 2009

Dear Parents,

As the weather is cooling down our students are able to enjoy one of the advantages of living in such a beautiful part of the world by being outside as much as possible.

There are several Parents' Evenings coming up over the course of the next weeks: Year 11 will be on Tuesday 3rd November. Please note that this is different to the previously published date. Year 8 will be on 10th November and Year 9 will be on 16th November. All Parents' Evenings will be from 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm.

Students are either retaking GCSE examinations at the moment or planning to sit I/GCSEs and AS examinations in January or May. For students currently attending AAESS we require a teacher's recommendation for students to sit examinations at a particular time. Please make sure that your sons and daughter approach their teachers if they are planning to take examinations between now and May/June 2010.

We are experiencing quite a bit of disruption to our day caused by students who bring mobile phones into school. It is a Ministry rule that no students may bring mobiles into school. I would appreciate your support for us in ensuring that students do not break this rule by making sure that they leave these at home each morning. Mobile phones will be confiscated if seen in school and parents will be required to come into school to collect them as they cannot be returned to students.

We are continuing to monitor the bus service and would appreciate if you could support us in this by wending any concerns you may have about the service into the Secondary School Office in writing.

We are always delighted to see parents in school and we do our best to see you all if we can. However, since teachers spend the majority of their day in class teaching or are at meetings, I would ask you to try to make an appointment if you wish to see a teacher. Please phone the school in advance and our administration will be happy to arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time.

I am very pleased with how well the school has settled down to the routine of learning this year. Students seem to be really enjoying their teachers and rising to lots of new challenges. We have many extra curricular activities taking place after school and I hope that our students are also developing this side of their personalities. Please visit the secondary section of our website to see the selection of activities available this term.

The AAESS Friends Association cordially invite you to a gathering on Tuesday 27th October at 8.am. Please see notices which are posted around the school. I hope to see many of you there.

I hope you have a pleasant and productive week.

Sincerely –

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