

Our ref: RP/Update

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Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to take this opportunity to provide an update for parents and carers about some key messages and also upcoming events.



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It is really important that pupils come to school equipped to learn. We have been working with pupils to remind them of the essential equipment that is required for lessons. This includes a blue/black pen, pencil, ruler and green pen. There will be equipment checks after half term so please could ensure that pupils have all the essential equipment ready for school in the first week back of half term. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of our uniform policy which can be found on the website <https://decschool.co.uk/uniform/> Pupils should not be wearing nose studs (only a clear retainer is allowed) and there should be no false nails or eyelashes worn to school at any time. All pupils should wear the uniform in line with guidance and with pride. We have noticed recently pupils wearing tracksuit bottoms under school trousers. Please be aware no tracksuit bottoms should be worn underneath school trousers even in cold weather.

At Dame Elizabeth we constantly promote our school values which are Respect, Aspire, Believe, Commit. As part of this, we actively encourage our students to be responsible and active citizens. Each House has a charity which we will support during the year and, at this current time, we are also very keen to support the victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Having researched what is needed, we have decided to try to make a monetary donation as a school. Members of Leadership will be collecting any contributions each morning on the gate – we would be really grateful of any support that you can offer in terms of a contribution. This money will be going to the Disasters Emergency Committee. We will also be selling chocolate bags for £1 which pupils can purchase for a friend with the proceeds being shared between the four House Charities and the Prom Committee. This will form part of our Theme of the Week for this week which is focusing on kindness.

All pupils have a homework planner. They should record each piece of homework set in the planner. Can I ask for your continued support in signing the planner weekly to show that you have seen the homework that has been set and completed.

We were delighted to welcome Year 9 students and their parents/carers to our Year 9 Options Evening this week and thank you to all of those parents who were able to attend. Year 9 pupils were able to find about more about their next steps and Careers. Can we remind you that the deadline for completion of options choices is 6th March. All of the information regarding Careers and Options is on our website along with a wide range of information for parents and carers. We update this regularly with good news stories. Do please take time to look at the website and follow us on Twitter if you do not do so already.

All that is left to say, is thank you for your ongoing support of the work that we do at Dame Elizabeth – I view this very much as a real partnership between home and school. I hope you all have a relaxing half term break.

Yours Sincerely

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