



Our Ref: KWA/MBE

13th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

SCHOOL UPDATE

As the first half term of 2025 draws to a close, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your support this half term and to share some key messages with you.

Rewards: This year to date, our students have been awarded 112,664 merits. It is wonderful to see hard work recognised and we have now awarded a very impressive 171 Bronze badges to students who have achieved over 300 merits. I am looking forward to awarding our first Silver badges next half term to celebrate our students who have achieved over 800 merits.

Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams: Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have completed their mock exams and they will receive their results on Friday 14th February. It has been great to see them all show real resilience and determination, which I know will have laid strong foundations for the real exams in the summer. It has also been great to see all other students be very respectful when the exams have been taking place and demonstrating real responsibility to ensure they have created an atmosphere in school where they haven't been disturbed.

Electric Scooters: We have seen a real increase in the number of students arriving and leaving school on electric scooters. After the half term break, these will no longer be allowed on the school site. Electric scooters are not legal to ride on public land and therefore, we cannot allow them on the school site.

Lockdown Practice: Following the tragic events that have happened recently in Sheffield, we have held a walkthrough practice of an outdoor lockdown with Years 7, 8 and 9 this week and will complete this with Year 10 and Year 11 after half term. We will then run a full drill during the next half term and we will communicate with you when this will happen.

Uniform: We appreciate that the vast majority of our students arrive to school in full uniform, following our uniform expectations. Please ensure that following the half term break, students arrive to school in full Dinnington High School uniform. This includes no false nails or eye lashes. We appreciate students may want to wear these over the holiday, but these must be removed prior to returning to school. Thank you, as ever, for your support with this.

Key Reminders and Dates: Students return to school, after the half term break, on **Monday 24th February**.

As per the school calendar, **Friday 7th March** is a **partial closure day** for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 12.

All students in Years 10, 11 and 13 should attend school as normal. Year 11 will be having one-to-one meetings with their teachers on this day to give them personalised revision packs and explain the steps that they need to take to achieve their full potential in their GCSE exams. Year 13 lessons will take place as normal and Year 10 will have bespoke drop-down interventions in their options subjects.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a lovely half term break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. Wade". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kerry Wade
Headteacher