



**Sponne School**  
A Music & Science Academy

**Dream Believe Achieve**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

**RE: November Notices**

Next week our Year 11 students start their mock exams and this will go on for two weeks. At the same time Year 10 students have their mock for English Literature. This means that the main sports and Hollick halls will be out of action for PE. All students will need to be considerate of this and ensure that they keep any noise to a minimum whilst changing for PE and also avoid walking past Exam signs in corridors. This can be a stressful time for Year 10 and 11 students so please do make contact with us if your son/daughter needs any further support. Good luck to them all.

At the end of this week, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, we have a mufti day for Children in Need and Anti-Bullying. Please do remember to donate £1, or more, on scopay and also ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Whitmore at the end of December. She has been at Sponne for over ten years and has been an outstanding teacher. We have appointed a new History teacher for January and also appointed Mrs Mort as Head of Sixth Form from January. She will continue to support Year 11 to some degree, particularly as they transition to post-16 courses, but Mrs Jaycock has also stepped up to take on the role as Progress Learning Leader for Year 11 for the rest of this academic year. My thanks and congratulations to both members of staff.

Finally, I often write about the importance of our community and also of the support that we enjoy from parents. You will be aware that my staff work exceedingly hard and are the biggest asset at school. Could I ask you to be mindful of expecting immediate responses from teachers when you call or email. They will usually have full days of teaching followed by meetings, planning and marking which often goes on into the evening and at weekends. Our policy is a minimum of two working days in terms of responding to queries so please do be patient, staff will respond as soon as they are able to do so. In addition, if you turn up unexpectedly, hoping to speak to a member of staff you need to be aware that their top priority is to teach.

Of course if there is something urgent then we do have emails for attendance and safeguarding issues and members of the senior team always on duty. The positive partnership that we have between home and school is a key factor in enabling success at school and it is crucial that we all get the balance right.

Many thanks for all that you do to support the education of your son/daughter(s) particularly during these more difficult social and economic times. Being involved in the learning of young people is a

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vocation and a privilege but not an easy job and we massively appreciate the positive relationships throughout our community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iain Massey', written in a cursive style.

Iain Massey  
Headteacher