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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely and safe summer break and hope that the fine weather continues for us all!

The focus for next year will be very simple for your son or daughter to follow. 3 simple steps that we will make sure that they are adhered to:

- Attend
- Right place/Right time
- Stay safe

We need your children in school so that they can achieve their potential. We know that quite possibly, you have not had fantastic experiences in their previous schools and that some of our young people have “fallen out” with education.

I can promise you that there are many opportunities for them to learn from specialist staff who build positive relationships in order to tap into your child’s potential. All they have to do is go to the lessons provided. Simple.

Lastly, it is so important to make sure that your children stay safe within school and outside of school hours. Life isn’t easy for young people these days. We want to support you and we are also asking for support from you to keep an eye out for your child to ensure that they are safe at all times. Together we can make sure that this happens.

Have a great holiday!

Yours,

Doug Thomas, Head Teacher

Arrangements and Timings



The Summer Term ends at lunchtime on Wednesday 20th July and we return to school on Monday 5th September for the start of Autumn Term.

Half Term runs from Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October inclusive.



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Uniform



Pupils should return to school in full APC uniform after the summer break. If you wish to purchase new t-shirts/jumpers, please contact the centre before your child is due to return to school. A copy of our uniform order form can be found [here](#). Where family circumstances make this financially difficult, we would encourage you to talk to us in confidence and we will do all we can to help.

In addition to the APC t-shirts, pupils will need to wear dark trousers / skirt / shorts.

Emails and Texts From Us

This Summer holiday we are moving the system, from which we communicate electronically with our parents and carers, to a new provider. Hopefully this move will be fairly seamless, and you won't notice any change. You do need to remember, however, that the existing system will no longer be monitored for inbound messages after the end of term and should therefore no longer be used to contact us.

If you do need to contact us over the holiday period please email hcentral@wsapc.co.uk This email will be monitored during the summer break.

We will be in touch with you on our new system at the start of the new term, and you can of course continue to call us on our landlines at the bottom of this newsletter in case of need.

Free School Meals and Support for Families

Free School Meal eligible families will be entitled to supermarket vouchers to cover the summer break. Each FSM child will be awarded a £90.00 Tesco voucher, and these will be sent out on or around 22nd July. Any queries regarding Free School Meals should be sent to hcentral@wsapc.co.uk

For children who are not FSM eligible but whose families are struggling financially or in need of practical assistance with any of the elements of the Household Support Fund then support can be provided via the Community Hub, which continues to be a resource accessible for all. The Community Hub can help with food, fuel support, clothing, emergency supplies and much more, and can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 09:00 – 17:00 seven days a week.



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Year 11 and Exam Results



GCSE exam results are released to students on Thursday 25th August. Our Year 11s will shortly receive a letter from the Exams Team confirming our exam day arrangements.

Students will be invited to come to centre and collect their examination results between 10am and 12pm on 25th. If they are unable to come personally their results can be emailed to them or will be posted by first class post on the same day.

Please note that we cannot release examination results to a third party without the consent of the student; therefore, if your child needs their parent or carer to collect on their behalf we will need a letter of authority from the student.

Trips and Visits

Trips to Goodwood Education Centre



The children in Chichester Branch have enjoyed trips to the wood at Goodwood, they have built dens and played in the mud kitchen. A favourite activity is the swing. They have learned to work collaboratively and developed resilience when tasks needed a rethink.

Some of them worked together to create a poem celebrating Sussex and were delighted when this was selected to be included in a book to raise money for Cancer Care Fund.

They learned to light fires and cook, toasted marshmallows are very popular, as were the croissants filled with Goodwood honey.



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Here are some examples of their artwork using leaves from the ground and cooled charcoal from the fire.

Trips to Hove Lagoon



As part of whole school enrichment, students have been attending Hove Lagoon and taking part in multi watersports. These have included Wakeboarding, Stand Up Paddle Boarding, sailing, kayaking and raft team. The Lancing students pictured here thrived at the wakeboarding and by the end of the 3 weeks all students were up and riding. Staff at the lagoon said that as a school group they have never had a group make so much progress and their behaviour was excellent.

Parent/Carer Survey...



Our annual survey of parents and carers is still available. We always really appreciate your views and feedback and would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete the survey, which [can be accessed here](#).

Thank you so much!



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Student Emails



Secondary-age students at APC now have access to their own school-based email accounts!

[This document](#) has further information, along with some useful links for keeping your young person safe online. Please also see the links below.

Internet Safety



The UK Safer Internet Centre is a fantastic resource centre for young people and their parents and carers, helping young people to stay safe online.

There are guides and resources for parents and carers here: [Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#) for advice on keeping children safe when using a range of devices, including

games consoles, smart speakers, smart TVs, phones and when accessing social media.

There are also some resources including films, games, and quizzes, aimed at young people to help them stay safe online: [Children and young people - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)



National Online Safety offer online safety education for the whole school community. As part of this they produce a weekly free online safety guide on #WakeUpWednesday. This week's free online safety guide focuses on 12 ways to **champion equality online**. It highlights

a number of issues such as 'pack mentality', haters and discrimination. Follow [this link](#) to access other information sheets on offer, such as Wink, WhatsApp, Fortnite, MineCraft and loads more.



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 **parentzone** The [Legendary Parent Hub](#) from Parent Zone is packed full of activity

The experts in digital family life ideas and resources to keep families entertained over the holidays as well as supporting them to be safer and more confident online. You will find Interland, which is an interactive online game designed to teach children the five pillars of the Be Internet Legends code, The Legends Family Adventure, plus a range of games, activities and challenges designed to help children be safer and savvier when they go online.

Our Contact Details

Please don't hesitate to contact your centre at any time if you have any questions or concerns- telephone numbers are below:

Burgess Hill 01444 232771
Chichester 01243 956976
Crawley 01293 883209

Lancing 01903 958968
Littlehampton 01903 278210

Social Media

We are on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) and we use these platforms to post information and updates, including news and job vacancies. Please do follow us and like and share our posts!



[@apcollege_](#)



[Facebook](#)



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Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for positions across our college so do take a look at our [jobs page](#) to see what grabs your interest! We are also keen to hear from you if you might be interested in the rewarding role of parent governor.

Do also please share with family and friends who may also be interested in making a difference to the lives of our young people. We look forward to hearing from you!