



CANTONIAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the spring term, I am writing to thank you once again for the support you give to ensure your child attends school with the best attitude to learning that will enable them to succeed in all areas of school life.

The last day of the spring term this year is Friday 31 March, which will be a contracted day. The day itself will run as follows:

Registration	8.35–8.55
Lesson 1	8.55–9.55
Lesson 2	9.55–10.55
Break	10.55–11.15
Lesson 3	11.15–12.15
Lunch	12:15–12:45

Pupils not staying for lunch are free to leave at 12.15. If you wish your child to remain in school until 3.05, please write us a note, to be given to their Form Tutor by Monday 27 March. If your child has free school meals and you prefer, they can have their lunch at 12.15, but this must be pre-ordered by sending an email to Mr Powell at np@cantonian.cardiff.sch.uk

The new term commences for all pupils on Monday 17 April at 8.35am.

As you have probably noticed, work on the school site has started with preparations for the temporary school. We look forward to moving in in September.

When we return from the Easter holidays, we have a very busy term ahead, with examinations for all year groups.

For pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 there will be the Welsh National Tests and later on in the term, additional end of year assessments will take place.

External examinations for pupils in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 will also be starting and individual timetables with the dates and times of each exam have already been given to pupils. This is undoubtedly a stressful time for pupils and it is important they make good use of the holidays to prepare for their exams. To support this preparation, there will be some revision classes in the Easter holidays, with more expected during the Whitsun holiday in May.

Also in the summer term Cantonian High is starting its journey to become a rights respecting school and achieve the bronze award from UNICEF. The Rights Respecting School Award recognises a school's achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond.

A BRIGHTER FUTURE

As part of Cardiff Council's commitment to becoming a "child-friendly city" funding has been secured by the council to allow schools to subscribe to the RRSA award, and Cantonian is looking forward to embarking on this journey and becoming a recognised rights respecting school.

As you will be aware, attendance is essential to ensuring academic success. Whilst we understand that pupils are ill from time to time, we cannot stress enough the importance of regular, timely attendance. All pupils should strive for 100%, which will give them a much better chance of developing in all the key areas of success. To encourage this, pupils whose attendance levels drop will be targeted for support and intervention. In some instances, where attendance remains a concern, the Local Authority is likely to issue a fixed penalty notice (FPN). We hope you will continue to support us in ensuring your child is present, on time and ready to learn.

We continue to monitor pupils' behaviour through our Class Charts system. This allows us to record how pupils have behaved in every lesson as well as in and around the school. Parents/Carers can access their own Class Charts accounts and keep up-to-date with their child's behaviour in school. If you need help accessing your account or have any questions about Class Charts, please email Mrs Hewett, Assistant Headteacher, at mjo@cantonian.cardiff.sch.uk and she will send you the invite to log in. There is also a Class Charts App that you can download, which will give you live notifications as and when staff update your child's record.

The following are key dates for the remainder of this academic year:

Wednesday 29 March:	INSET day
Friday 31 March:	Last day of spring term for pupils
Monday 17 April:	New term commences
Monday 01 May:	Bank Holiday
Monday 08 May:	Coronation Bank Holiday
Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June:	Half term
Wednesday 28 June:	INSET day
Friday 21 July:	Last day of summer term for pupils
Monday 24 July:	INSET day

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to our uniform requirements. Details are on our website; please remind yourself of these and, if buying new school clothing, support us in ensuring that our pupils' uniform continues to be of its usual high standard.

It remains only for me, on behalf of the staff and Governors of the school, to wish you and your families an enjoyable Easter break.

Yours sincerely



MR G JONES
Head of School