



September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

A busy start to the academic year with three trips already – the Hofesh Dance Group at Sadlers Wells, an Art trip to the Tate Modern and Year 10 students attended a drama performance at the White Rock Theatre. Trips are an important part of our curriculum and our staff spend a lot of time ensuring they are educational, enjoyable and available to as many of our students as possible.

A reminder that if your child has to take regular medication and they participate in a trip then parents must ensure that they have sufficient medication for the duration of that trip.

We continue to work with Stagecoach and parents regarding buses and have ironed out a number of issues. I have included a link from Stagecoach below that may help parents/carers when planning bus journeys <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey>.

There are a number of Year 11 subject revision guides available for purchase at the Upper School. These will be available to purchase via your Parentpay account. Unfortunately we have been contacted by the publishers to say that the release of some subjects has been delayed until later in the year. We will inform students when we hear further.

Further to my letters from last term and this, a reminder to parents/carers and students that the Academy will close at 1.35pm on Thursday 28th September in preparation for our Year 6 Open Evening and that Friday 29th September is an Inset day.

Finally a message from Councillor Richard Street regarding the proposed closure of Ore Library:

“At the Cabinet meeting held on 19th September, East Sussex County Council agreed to consult on a proposal to close 7 of the County’s 24 libraries including Ore in order to save £653,000. It costs a total of £15,000 a year to run Ore library. The consultation runs until 14th December.

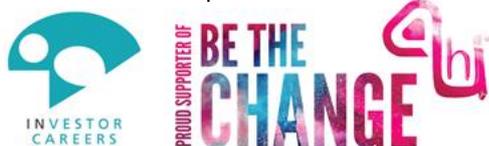
Ore has been chosen because, they claim, it is within 20 minutes by car or 30 minutes by public transport from two other libraries – Hastings Central and Hollington. Ore library serves two of the most deprived estates in the country (Down Farm and Broomgrove) many of whose residents do not own a car and could not afford the bus fare to either Hastings town centre or Hollington.

For many older residents, it is a vital link to the outside world not just to borrow books but to talk to the staff who are always friendly and helpful. Another justification for the closure is the “enhancement” of the eLibrary service but many residents only have access to the computers in the library so how will this help them? Further, many services including claiming benefits and seeking jobs can only be done online.

I have started a public Facebook group, Save Ore Library, for people to share their reasons for saving the library and experiences of using it. Please join. There is also a petition online at www.goo.gl/pMqaMx and paper copies at the Ore Community Centre and in shops in Ore Village”.

Yours faithfully

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