

24 June 2024



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Dear Parent/Carer

We have some important dates to add to your diary and also some exciting news to share with you below:

Important Dates for your Diary

Friday 28 June 2024

School will be closed for all pupils due to a staff training day.

Wednesday 10 July 2024

School sports day. Times of the school day remain the same, 08:30am-3:00pm.

Saturday 13 July 2024

60th Celebration of Smestow Academy. For more details and to obtain your free ticket, please visit <https://smestowacademy.co.uk/60years/> and enter the code **SmestowFamily**. There are now a limited number of tickets so they will be on a first come first serve basis.

Friday 19 July 2024

Last day of term for pupils.

Monday 22 July 2024

Staff training day.

Celebrating Fundamental British Values at Smestow Academy

As part of our personal development curriculum, we are celebrating the fundamental British values at Smestow Academy on Monday 1st July.

We are collapsing our timetable for the day and following our spiral curriculum which can also be found on our website here: <https://smestowacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/MAT-Relationships-Sex-Health-Education-Policy-2024-SA.pdf>

Year groups 7-10 will be exploring our fundamental British values and topics in relation to politics and parliament, law crime and society and the prevent agenda. Year 12 will be focusing on their rights and responsibilities within their next steps, which may be as part of a modern apprenticeship, at university or within the world of work.

Whilst we appreciate that this is a different day in terms of our timetable, full attendance to school is expected and our high expectations of uniform and behaviour remain the same.



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Further to our collapsed day on Monday, we will also be hosting a "Smestow Election" as part of our celebrations on Thursday 4th July.

Citizenship features within our personal development curriculum and it is important that we provide pupils with knowledge, skills and understanding to prepare them to play a full and active part in society. A link to the national curriculum guidance can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5f324f7ad3bf71b1ea28dca/SECONDARY_national_curriculum_-_Citizenship.pdf. As part of the mock election, pupils are reading the manifesto's provided by each party to develop their understanding of what is happening in the UK at present. They will be then taken to "vote" during the school day on Thursday 4th July, with the results being shared on Friday 5th July. We are following the impartiality guidance provided by the Department for Education which we have also included here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/61f137688fa8f5058a4b2f44/6.7731_DfE_Political_Impartiality_Guidance_Pamphlet_WEB_004_.pdf

We thank you in advance for your continuing support with our personal development curriculum.

1 Million Sparx Questions

We are very proud to announce a landmark event for us all at Smestow Academy as collectively we have surpassed the 1 million Sparx Maths questions milestone. This was the target we set back in September. Sparx is the online Maths home learning study package we use to compliment our curriculum. Please see some statistics below:

- As a school we have dedicated 11,503 hours actively answering questions on Sparx Maths
- This is roughly 21 hours per pupil
- This is equal to 1963 questions per pupil

A big congratulations to our top achieving pupils who have reached the highest levels in Sparx Maths.

Year 9

O Lawal, F Imamudeen and M Jones

Year 8

A Matei, S Saman and M Stairmand Jackson

Year 7

I Abiodun, O Akesuyi and A Hadi Ali Al Miqdad

We would like to thank you all for your support in helping your child to access this excellent platform to support their progress in Maths. This is most definitely a great example of success achieved together.

Yours faithfully



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