



# St Luke's Science and Sports College

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Science

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to thank you for the continued support that you have demonstrated to myself and my colleagues as we reach the half term break. This first half term has been very busy and we are delighted with the students' response to the challenge and pace presented in lessons. Every lesson, in every year is important as it builds the foundations for future success!



SPORTS COLLEGES

I am delighted to say that our new Year 7 students have settled beautifully into the College. I give my sincere thanks to the staff for engaging the students, communicating their progress and dealing with any matters arising. I am also proud that our older students have shown their care and respect for one another, helping to maintain an environment where everyone feels welcome, safe and ready to learn.



Year 11 have approached their mock examinations with a level of maturity and commitment expected for them to do very well this year. Their success will follow if they respond positively to areas for improvement and you should be seeing revision forming part of their on-going independent study beyond the College.



Students in Years 8 to 10 should have experienced a 'change in gear' as they step up a year and through working closely with the staff, I am sure that they will meet with success, showing determination and resilience in their learning.



You will be aware that we have introduced half termly assessments into Year 7 to 9, as has been the case for Years 10 and 11 previously, reporting upon attainment, behaviour and homework. We believe that more frequent assessment and subsequent focused teaching and intervention will promote our students' progress and achievement.



Hold Our Own 2011/12

Homework will play a vital role in improving the progress of every child and we will ensure that we work towards finding the right balance for every student. We are ambitious in our desire to have all homework placed upon the VLE for students and parents/carers to access. I have attached a 'User Guide' to help you access the VLE as this is a central source of specific information for your child. This should promote our home-college partnership, involving you more in your child's education.

Our students continue to wear their uniform well, reflecting their pride in themselves and the College. I would like your continued support to ensure that this



continues and could I ask that the girls' skirts remain close to the knee. Where there are specific issues with uniform, Tutors will always contact home. Whilst on the subject of uniform, can I suggest that all uniform is named on the label as this has helped return many misplaced items. One parent has been in contact with me as their daughter had lost 2 items of clothing in quick succession (a grey and a black hoody, used as a coat). If ever incorrect items are brought home, your child can return them to the main office, where we will try to find the rightful owner.

If you visit our College website, we currently have, on one of the rolling images, an invitation for all parents and carers to complete the 'Parent View' questionnaire. This enables us to have broad feedback upon a number of key areas, which becomes more representative as the number of completed entries increases. We are very proud of the College and welcome your feedback.

Finally, I wish you all the very best for half term.

Yours faithfully,

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

Dave Holt  
Principal