



### Welcome

As the new Associate Principal for secondary, I hope to meet many of you at the year seven progress meetings. Thank you for your patience around issues with the heating last week, it was completely beyond our control. Thank-you for your support, I know arrangements had to be made. Despite this 2016 has got off to a very positive start. Students and staff are ready and eager to learn.

In order to keep you updated, I intend to publish a Key Stage3 '**Seva Standard**' every two weeks. The key purpose is to keep you informed. I have asked the students to contribute by telling you key events and issues from their view point. It is a bulletin not a newsletter and will concentrate on up and coming events.

**Liz Waddingham Associate Principal -Secondary**

### Uniform

- Thank you for ensuring we maintain our high standards around uniform. Students look really smart and are a credit to the school.

### E-Safety

- The E-Safety letter that went out before Christmas should been signed and sent back. I will be offering some training one evening to those who requested it.

### School Photographs

- These were taken on the last day of the term, photo packs were issued on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. All orders should be returned directly to the company. The school is not able to deal with money and orders.

### epraise

- It is important that we reward students for all the great things they do every day, we have launched an active rewards system called "ePraise". [www.epraise.co.uk](http://www.epraise.co.uk). Ask your child to take you on to the website and show you how many points they have earned so far. Eventually, you will have your own access and it will e-mail you when rewards are issued.

### Progress / Homework

- If you look in your child's books you will see a "work plan" this gives your child a "map" of the next unit/module of work. (About six weeks) It includes homework. If you are not seeing enough homework given to your child, this is the place to look for homework.

### Attendance

- This is vital to your child making progress, we will be contacting parents and inviting them in where a child's attendance falls below the "acceptable" level. This meeting will focus on support strategies to improve attendance targets of 97%/100%. epraise points are being awarded for good and outstanding attendance.

### Reading

- This is really important to all of us at Seva School, and we know how it impacts on a child's progress. The 'January read-a-thon' is encouraging students to read 3-5 books in January and write reviews based on their reading. Encourage your child to sign up via 'epraise'

### Numeracy

- We will be testing times tables! If you want to give your child a head start in maths, ensure they know their tables. It is a really simple task to do at home and really helps the child's ability to keep up with their Maths. If you need some resources let us know

### Emergency Closure Procedures

- Please make sure you keep your **contact details up to date** to ensure we can contact you in an emergency. If the weather is bad and the school has to close you will be notified by text. You will also get updates from local radio

### From the students.....

- E-Praise is a new online initiative that allows us to collect points and earn exciting rewards.
- We also have the opportunity to take part in collective worship every Monday morning with the whole school, this makes an excellent start to the week.
- Some students in year 7 have also been creating display boards to decorate the school. This gives the pupils a chance to be creative and take responsibility.
- Seva School has also given us the chance to learn new skills during the extra enrichment hour such as: Guitar, French and take part in Enterprise club.
- We feel we have a voice by having a student leadership team and school council to hear our ideas and listen to our views.

### Dates for the diary

Progress Evening (second group) Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 3.15-7.30.

Appointment will be issued by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, we will try to accommodate the time slots requested

Sports Event (TBC) Saturday 13th February

More details to follow