

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Part time work

As we navigate through the academic year, it is important for us to address certain aspects that directly impact our students' well-being and academic success. Today, I am writing regarding the impact of part-time employment for our students.

While we understand the value of engaging in paid work, we would like to emphasise the need for balance between work and academics. While part-time work is beneficial, it is equally important for students to focus on building a strong academic foundation. This foundation is crucial for their future career prospects and opportunities.

Excessive part-time work can have a detrimental effect on students' academic performance, overall health, and well-being.

As such, we kindly request your cooperation in discussing with your child the number of hours they engage in paid work. Students should engage in at least 5 hours of independent study per week, per subject. Extensive part-time work can make it difficult for students to study effectively.

We recognise that with rising costs, part-time work can provide can students with an important additional source of income. Please note that you can complete an online free school meal application, at <a href="https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict">https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict</a>, if eligible, students can then access bursary funds.

We appreciate your understanding and support in ensuring that our students can thrive academically and personally. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form team.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully

Ms Adeoye Assistant Headteacher