



8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a warm welcome to all students following the summer break. I am incredibly pleased with how well students have returned and settled back into college life and expectations. Our newest members of the college in Year 7 are already beginning to find their way around and appear eager and excited to start the next stage of their educational journey with us.

I would like to give you advance notice of forthcoming college closures that will affect your child.

**Early Closure – Tuesday, 3rd October 2023 – Year 6 Open Evening**

As some students will be involved in helping to prepare the College for the prospective parents' Open Evening and taking part in the evening displays, we will, as in previous years, close the College early on this day.

Normal lessons will therefore finish at 1.20 p.m. and students who are able to return to a safe household, with parents' permission, may do so. We have made arrangements for non-service buses and taxis to depart from the College at 1.20 p.m. Please note that we will provide a normal catering service at break time, but will not be running a lunch service. If you are concerned regarding the situation of your son or daughter, please contact the appropriate Year Leader and alternative arrangements will be made for your child at the College.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Academic Tutor Day**

Academic Tutor Day will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. This is an opportunity for you and your child to meet with their form tutor to discuss their progress so far this year, highlight what is going well and identify areas for development and targets for the rest of the year. Students will not attend College on this day. Further details will follow in due course.

I should like to take the opportunity to wish all students at Sir Harry Smith Community College a happy and rewarding year.

Yours sincerely

Dawn White  
Principal