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29th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you managed to have some valuable family time over the Easter period. We are now in the final term of this academic year with some important events and changes ahead.

Year 11 Key Information

We are delighted to be holding our **Year 11 Graduation Event** next week on **Wednesday 4th May**, this is a wonderful way to recognise and celebrate their journey through the school and their successes and achievements on route. **Exams commence** for Year 11 students on **Monday 16th May**, this means that from next week they have nine more school days before the first exam starts. I would like to remind Year 11 parents/carers that all students will continue to follow their normal school timetable until Wednesday 25th May. During this period, they will have revision lessons alongside their exams. On **Wednesday 25th May** students will have their **final assembly from 11.20am** onwards after which exam leave commences. From this point we will offer a bespoke revision timetable providing opportunities for students to attend revision sessions in school for selected subjects at particular times. It is important that we are notified immediately if any student is unable to attend an exam.

Year 13 A-Level Exams

Year 13 students will follow their usual timetable until their last exams in each subject. A-Level exams fully commence from **Monday 23rd May** and continue until late June.

Year 9 Volunteering

Our Year 9 students are undertaking a day of volunteering over the next couple of weeks. We have arranged form groups to do their volunteering on certain days. We are very grateful to parents/carers for finding placements for their sons/daughters. Giving one's time to support others provides valuable experience and promotes empathy and care. Our Year 9 pastoral team have worked hard to ensure every student in the year group has a volunteering activity.

School Breakfasts

We are recommencing the offer of breakfast in school from next week. Breakfast can be accessed from the canteen, on either site, from 8.15am in the morning.

Key Dates

Our Year 7 Parents Consultation Evening is on Thursday 19th May, this will be a compressed day with lessons finishing at 2.30pm.

This half term finishes on Friday 27th May, the following half term holiday includes two bank holidays on Thursday 2nd June and Friday 3rd June. School commences again on Monday 6th June for our final seven weeks of the year.









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Student Eco Committee

Along with two school governors, I had the privilege of meeting with our Student Eco Committee this week. In this meeting the group shared with us the outcome of an audit they had undertaken investigating different aspects of school life. This audit has helped shape an action plan that will help us to achieve an Eco Schools Green Flag award. The award celebrates the ecological achievements of the school and our students. Working with students in this way always reminds me what drive, determination and vision they have. The amount of work they have done, talking to other students and staff, investigating and researching information and then collating all of this is very impressive. Watch this space for how the action plan evolves and the impact this will have on the school community.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Brown Headteacher

