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Dear Parent/Carer

Password complexity - Students, Prom wardrobe, Hub plans, School Led Tutoring update, Transition Year 6 into 7, Year 7 SEND reviews, Year 13 and 11 leaving dates

Welcome to my end of week letter. In our first full week back we have been very busy planning for the examination season and planning some of our provision moving forwards. More below:

Password complexity - Students

To help reduce the risk of the ever growing security threats on our system we have taken the decision to change our IT password policy.

Please reset your IT password before Friday 6th May

Everyone will be expected to follow this new password policy to access the IT system and Frog:

- Change password every 6 weeks – we recommend as a general rule you reset your passwords at the beginning of every half term.
- Minimum password length 12 characters.
- Password must contain upper case letters, lower case letters, at least one special character (for example; ~!@#\$\$%^&)
- Your chosen password cannot include your first or surname.
- Do not have your password written down anywhere but something you can remember.

To change your password press CTRL + ALT + Delete on a school computer or use the 'Reset my Password' icon found on the desktop and choose 'Change Password'.

Prom wardrobe

This has now been launched and we are delighted that we have already had some young people hire prom attire at no charge. Please ask your child to consider this if necessary and to approach Miss Taylor or Mrs Hought if they wish.

Hub plans

As you will be aware, SRPA has a mental health hub on site. This hub will not function in the same way from September as we have decided to widen its work given the impact of the

pandemic. The centre will be re-named and will open its doors in a more wraparound capacity from the new academic year, offering internal behaviour and attendance support, therapeutic interventions and supportive workshops in a number of fields to support our youngsters in a bespoke manner. All of this will be on top of the current counselling offer. I will publish more details in the coming weeks.

School Led Tutoring update

Our ten tutors continue to do really well at the Academy and are making a real difference. This service is not just for disadvantaged youngsters to access or those who have fallen behind. We are also using this initiative to stretch and extend our most able. Please do not assume that your child has been selected because something is not right. It may be far from it.

Transition Year 6 into 7

Mr Adlington has written to all parents of Year 6 today to explain some of our plans moving forwards. In short, we are thankful to parents who have already sent back their blue profile sheets but ask that they are returned asap if you have not done so already. This week, you should receive a yellow admissions form which we also ask to be returned in due course to aid your child's transition to us. We are planning on holding two consecutive transition days in July this year. More details can be found in the letter published today.

Year 7 SEND reviews

These will be offered over the coming fortnight for all parents with children requiring support. Please book these with Mr Adlington in the usual manner.

Year 13 and 11 leaving dates

I have taken the decision that Year 13 will leave us at the end of this half term, as is our usual policy. After half term, they will only need to attend for examinations as timetabled.

For Year 11, the plan is slightly different. Due to how the national examination timetable falls this year, our existing lesson timetable supports this really well and we will be holding front-loaded revision session in the first week back after half term for all students as part of their normal timetable. For this reason, all Year 11 students are expected to attend in the week beginning 6 June in full. After this time, they will only be expected to attend for compulsory revision sessions for their subjects, the timetable for which we will publish very soon to aid planning for all families. We are conscious that the examination period has been suitably elongated this year and it seems only fair to ensure that students are given the best support possible but with some flexibilities to only attend when necessary.



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As we approach a time in the academic year when many young people begin to feel the pressure, as we all have when examinations begin, I leave you with the words of the author Bryant McGill: “Your calm mind is the ultimate weapon against your challenges.”

We have got this together and will make sure that no stone is left unturned to support you moving through the coming weeks.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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