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Dear Parent/Carer

Curriculum bulletin – term 6, Year 11 and 13 revision sessions from next week, Sixth Form information evening, SEND Green Paper consultation, Parents’ evening poll for next academic year, Proposed change to the academy day, Extra-curricular offer for term 6, School led tutoring, Request for PE kit donations, Total amount raised from Jubilee celebrations

Welcome to my first update letter of term 6. This week has been a ‘hit the ground running’ experience as we have seen a large number of big examinations take place and we prepare for the rest of the term ahead.

Curriculum bulletin – term 6

This is attached with my letter and will give a broad overview of the themes and topics being covered by your child this half term. We have also decided to include a new section on IT resources which I hope you find useful.

Year 11 and 13 revision sessions from next week

These sessions begin on Monday as an ‘opt in’ offer. Please be good enough to have another look over the original published list and use the MS Form <https://forms.office.com/r/ymZEjTUHir> to ensure we have accurate numbers attending please. This will also help us plan the sessions effectively.

Sixth Form information evenings

Just a reminder about both of Tuesday’s (14 June) sixth form meetings as below:

- Year 12 Parents UCAS Information Evening 6pm – 6.45pm
- Year 11 into 12 Parents’ Information Evening 6.45pm – 7.30pm

SEND Green Paper consultation

There is currently an open consultation on SEND nationally which I encourage you to give your views on if you feel this affects you and your child. Please follow the link here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-and-ap-green-paper-responding-to-the-consultation>

Parents' evening poll for next academic year

You may remember that we sent out a poll during this academic year to gauge parental thoughts as to your preferred way of holding these events. I don't think there is ever a forever thing and am, once again, eager to see if feelings remain the same or have changed amongst the parent body. Please use the link here

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UmTnz-18eEuT7cGMryQflc8fjGwpavFLkui0mbcsHXIUN0RFU042MzJQUlo0NUVTVzc3UU5UR1VSRy4u>

to give your views as to whether you would like to return to in person parents' evenings from September or, for convenience, you prefer the remote MS teams option. I am happy to offer either and will be led by the parent body on this topic. Thank you.

Proposed change to the academy day

I have received a fairly small number of mixed responses to this proposal. With this in mind, you should have received a message yesterday keeping the MS form (link below) open until 20 June. I attach the link again here for your attention and would appreciate any and all feedback prior to a final decision being made: <https://forms.office.com/r/a9qbWZRGbX>

Extra-curricular offer for term 6

This is now published on the website in the usual place. Please use it to familiarise yourself with the offer. We really hope that our youngsters will continue to use to our clubs and activities offer which is wide and far-reaching.

School led tutoring

This tutoring programme is in full swing and students from Year 7 – 13 are partaking in the excellent sessions provided by our fantastic team of 10 tutors across English, mathematics and science. On Wednesday 15 June, 24 students from Year 9 will enjoy a day off normal timetable with a group of STEM tutors looking at an eco-project and wind turbines design, Ohms Law and data. A number of these students, who will study French next year, will also be linking in the language with support from Mrs Corah, ready for their final presentations to Mr Hardy and Mrs Spoons during lesson 5.

The winners will all receive amazon vouchers - good luck to all taking part!



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Request for PE kit donations

Should any parents, particularly in Year 11, have any PE kit they are happy to donate to the Academy because their child is leaving us, we would be most grateful. We are hoping to offer items as part of a second hand uniform shop given the current cost of living to help families in need of a bit of support. I will publish further details in due course.

Total amount raised from Jubilee celebrations

Our Jubilee celebrations just prior to the half term break raised £464.01 which is a really good total! I remain grateful for the support we receive from our families and thank you, once again, for continuing to believe in what we do.

I couldn't sign off this week without remarking on the achievements of a couple of colleagues. You may have seen in the Lincolnite yesterday that the Academy has been nominated for an Environment award as part of the Lincolnshire Education Excellence Awards for 2022. This is down to the hard work and commitment of our Head of York House, Miss Taylor, who has been the driving force behind our Green Team and our Eco Schools Award application. In addition, Mrs Rodgers has made the final of the Secondary School Teacher of the Year category. As our Second in MFL and as one of the best Spanish teachers I have ever had the privilege to work with, she also deserves real praise for her high calibre teaching and leadership every day. I am sure you will join me in congratulating them both. There is an awards event on 7 July at the Engine Shed when they will find out if they have been successful. Due to this unexpected diary clash, we have been forced to move the proposed Year 6 into 7 parents' evening to the day before at the same time, meaning we will look forward to seeing all Year 6 parents with a child coming to us in September on Wednesday 6 July in the evening. Mr Adlington is about to publish revised details imminently. I apologise for this date change but I also need to attend the evening event on the 7th as Head Teacher. Please accept my apologies for this as it caught us all by surprise.

As I sign off this week I am reminded of the words of the American author H. Jackson Brown, Jr who once wrote "Don't work for recognition, but do work worthy of recognition." That is a mantra I can live by.

Have a lovely weekend. I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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