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Dear Parent/Carer

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, Mental Health Awareness Week, Communities House Competition – Food Bank Trolley Fill, Sixth Form Including Year 12 Parent Voice Questionnaire, Uniform and PE Kit Donations, Use of Toilets, Year 11 Revision Sessions After Half Term, Limits to our Jurisdiction

Welcome to my end of week update letter.

The examination series has formally begun and we have seen some full year group examinations already. As a result, it has been pretty busy ensuring that all of our youngsters have everything they need, something for which Mrs Keogh and her team deserve real praise in leading on our examinations.

With a week to go it isn't slowing down. More below:

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

This week has seen our PE lessons take on a different format as we ask students to traverse the campus in lessons looking for historical clues. Real thanks must go to Mr Fell and the PE team for making this happen.

In addition, our Year 7 YMCA heritage walks around Lincoln have also run successfully and it has been lovely to see the students taking real pride in their local area and asking lots of sensible questions along the way.

Next week, we see our talent show auditions take place. This House competition hasn't had an airing since 2019 because of the pandemic so it is a wonderful opportunity for our students to do their very own BGT with the final during the week beginning 3 July 2023.

Mental Health Awareness Week

This week is Mental Health awareness week. Real thanks must go to our SSLT Wellbeing Lead, Martha R, for her suggestion that staff and RP6th members wear a green item today to raise awareness of this important issue.

Communities House competition – Food Bank Trolley Fill

All next week, from Monday 22 May 2023 to Friday 26 May 2023, the Student Service Leadership Team are running a Communities House Competition.

Each morning in R2L time, all students and staff from each House team and sixth formers will have the opportunity to donate food bank items to the Lincoln Food bank by filling their House trolley. The Student Service Leadership Team will be counting the donations and the winning House will be winning not only bragging rights, but points towards the Governors' Cup.

Food donations have reportedly dropped off, resulting in the Lincoln Food Bank having to give out smaller packages of late, so every donation counts. Recommended donations would be any non-perishable food or amenities such as; tinned soup, tinned meals, tinned fruit, pasta sauce, rice pudding and pet food as well as toiletries e.g. hair products, soaps, dental products.

Sixth Form including Year 12 Parent Voice Questionnaire

By the end of this week, Mr Griffiths and his team will have published our latest parent voice questionnaire for Year 12.

In addition, we have received some late applications into RP6th from both internal and external candidates. We do still have some limited space for entry in September. If your child is in Year 11 and is currently undecided as to future plans, please see the streamlined application process on our new website www.rp6th.co.uk.

Uniform and PE kit donations

As we approach the end of half term and with some year groups leaving, we would be grateful for any donations of second-hand uniform and/or PE kit for our second hand uniform shop. All items are laundered and made available at parents' evening and open events. Your support is appreciated.

Use of Toilets

As you know, we take safeguarding very seriously and were recently rated as outstanding on our external safeguarding audit. We know you will agree that students being out of lessons causes us concern, whilst also preventing our House team from supporting students with, sometimes, urgent pastoral issues. There have been too many occasions where students have left lessons under false pretences for a group social in the toilet block. CCTV in the area shows students not even accessing toilets on some occasions and just arranging to meet.

This week, we have reiterated to all students and our teaching staff that they can visit the toilets in between lessons and during both lengthy breaks. Should any medical need necessitate more frequent access to the toilets, we are completely supportive and, if we receive medical evidence which supports us to look after our students as well as possible, we are happy to arrange a medical pass and update our staff accordingly.

With our youngest female students in Year 7 and 8, we have explained that, if they feel they need additional access to the toilets during their period, an email from home will allow us to support with a temporary pass for that week. However, staff have been told to use their professional judgement if a student is clearly in urgent need, to let them leave, with their planner signed. As per some parental feedback, you will now be able to monitor this from home as there will be a GO alert. We have been delighted with the maturity so many of our girls have shown this week as we continue to prioritise student safety with knowing where our students are. For any medical queries with this, please contact medical@srpa.co.uk.



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In addition, please remind your child that the Academy holds substantial amounts of free sanitary products in all House bases should the need arise.

Limits to our Jurisdiction

We are receiving a rising number of concerns from parents asking us to intervene in situations where we have no jurisdiction. For example, our behaviour policy does not extend to events at the weekends, on social media outside of the school day or after school, unless travelling to and from the Academy in uniform. Anyone who knows me by now will report that I am strict on behaviour but there are some lines I can't cross. I trust this clarifies our position. Of course, our behaviour policy is available on the website should you wish to view it.

Year 11 Revision Sessions After Half Term

Next Tuesday in their final PD lesson, Year 11 will be able to take a look at the suite of revision sessions being offered on site prior to the end of the examination series for them to take advantage of. Miss Empson has done a fine job ensuring that there is a strong offer available. Sign up will be by MS Form during that hour.

As our examination year groups knuckle down to the really important stuff, I am reminded of the clarion call from Dame Millicent Fawcett who campaigned tirelessly for women's suffrage when she exclaimed "Courage calls to courage everywhere!"

This time of year is always challenging for youngsters facing examination after examination, but we all wish you well all the same.

Enjoy the weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster



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