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Dear Parent/Carer

Tutor evenings this week and next – Years 7, 10 and 12, RP6th Open evening – 1 November, Art & Design Saturday Club, Contact Details Update, Year Group Reports, Sports Team Success Report

Welcome to my weekly update letter.

Despite the changeable weather, we have managed two sixth form trips this week, as well as sports fixtures and tutor evening. With just one week until the half term break, we have some important updates below to round off the first half term.

Tutor evenings this week and next – Years 7, 10 and 12

This week we held the first of our two tutor evenings for the above year groups. Next week, we hold our second evening on Wednesday between 4pm and 7pm. I hope to see you all there.

RP6th Open evening – 1 November

This is an early reminder for the first week after the half term break regarding our sixth form application round for September 2024 entry into Year 12. We will hold our open evening on the Wednesday after we return. It would be helpful for any students thinking of admission to RP6th to speak to their teachers for their recommendations prior to half term, as well as during the week beginning 31 October (Monday 30 October is an INSET Day for staff). During the first week back, Mr Griffiths will lead on providing further details to prospective RP6th members next year. Next week, his existing Year 12 student body will be offering sixth form tours to current Year 11 students during R2L times.

Art & Design Saturday Club

The University of Lincoln is a partner of the National Saturday Club network and will be running a free Art & Design Saturday Club this academic year for 13–16 year olds in the local community. The programme provides a unique opportunity for young people to build their skills, discover their talents, and find out more about further study and future careers.

The National Saturday Club is a UK-wide network, supported by Arts Council England and the Department for Education. It has been running since 2009 and works in partnership with over 70 universities, colleges, and cultural institutions across the UK. Each year, the programme gives thousands of young people the unique opportunity to study subjects they love for free on Saturday mornings, with a particular focus on engaging young people from underrepresented backgrounds. You can find more information on our website <https://saturday-club.org/>

The National Saturday Club programme is open to 13-16 year olds of all abilities (Years 8, 9, 10 & 11) and in particular works to engage those who may face additional barriers to success. Extensive research shows 93% of National Saturday Club members built their skills, 81% grow in confidence, and 84% understand more about further study and careers. Many young people and their parents credit the club with positive impacts on their academic studies. To join please apply via this link <https://saturday-club.org/join-a-club/>

Contact details update

This week, we have begun a piece of work to update all student/parent/carer contact details electronically. All parents of RP6th students should have been contacted already, with a rolling programme over the next few weeks. Please look out for this communication.

Year group reports

Reports for Years 7, 10, 11, 12 & 13 have now been published via Go4Schools. Please login to see your child's report.

Sports Team Success Report

Football

Since September, our Year 7s have shown some impressive performances with a record of 3 wins, 1 draw, and 3 losses. They've scored a huge total of 31 goals, conceding only once.

Our Year 8s made a great start with a dominant 9-1 victory but faced two light losses thereafter. Despite the defeats, they've demonstrated excellent effort and character on the field.

The Year 9s displayed their prowess by winning their first two games and scoring a total of 21 goals. However, they faced a strong opponent in their third match and were defeated with a score of 3-0.

Our Year 10s are currently unbeaten with a record of 1 win and a draw. Their solid performances show promise for the season ahead.

The Year 11s have also made a successful start, winning both of their games in close encounters, showcasing their determination and skill.

Netball

In netball, two fixtures have been played so far. Our Year 9s secured a strong victory, while Year 7s faced a defeat. It is evident that the teams are putting in their best efforts in their respective games, and there is huge potential for improvement and success throughout the season.

Many more football and netball fixtures are planned. County cups have been entered for football with Year 7-11 teams and the Year 7 girls' team. Next half term will see basketball, girls' football and badminton fixtures begin.



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It must be an age thing as I stumble towards a big birthday in a few months, but time seems to pass even more quickly as I get older. It doesn't seem five minutes since our INSET days in September and this keenly reminds me of the phrase I repeat in assemblies ad infinitum that "every second counts."

However, amid our busy and hectic lives, I am reminded of the words of J. R. R. Tolkien who sagely mused that "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

I hope you manage to find some time for yourselves over the coming weekend.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster



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