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Dear Parent/Carer

PD Day 6, Eco-Schools Award - Distinction, Year 10 & 12 Examinations, RP6th Induction, Year 11 Prom, Learn with the Lords, Year 6 Transition, Sports Awards Evening, Open Evening - Wednesday 1 July, Invasive Building Works in July

Welcome to my weekly update letter. With less than four weeks left until the end of term, this is our busiest period as we seek to finish the year strongly, progress our plans for September and continue with our building work apace. More updates below:

PD Day 6

Wednesday 1 July marks our sixth and final Personal Development Day this year.

Our values focus for this term is Reflection. To celebrate this, students in Years 7 - 9 will be reflecting on their learning and engagement this academic year with a range of activities, such as improving on their mistakes and improving their participation in group work.

We will also be holding our annual careers fair, which all students will have an opportunity to visit throughout the morning.

In Year 7, students will also be exploring the danger of deepfakes, and how to ensure their safety when playing in water.

In Year 8, students will be practising their problem-solving abilities, exploring how AI can influence stereotypes, and participating in a range of careers talks depending on their career aspirations.

In Year 9, students will be exploring the impacts of AI on individual liberty and personal freedoms, exploring the dangers of online grooming, and identifying the warning signs of sextortion.

In Year 10, students will participate in the 'Work Wise' day, where they will explore a range of options available to them following Year 11.

In Year 12, students will be continuing their work on UCAS, before leaving the academy for an afternoon of stress-busting bowling.

Eco-Schools Award - Distinction

For the third year running, we have secured our Eco-Schools Award with a distinction. Mr Reed has spearheaded this project and deserves huge praise for his tireless commitment to our Environment value. This award means we can continue to fly our Eco-Schools flag and we even get a plaque...

Year 10 & 12 Examinations

We are nearly there with all examinations. Monday is our final mop up day for absentees. I have been really impressed with both year groups, but especially Year 10 who have experienced a formal examination series for the first time in a dry run of next summer. They have taken it really seriously and have been very mature about it. Well done.

RP6th Induction

It was really great to see some of our Year 11 students return this week as they prepare for sixth form study. I am never quite emotionally prepared to see them looking so grown up and following the RP6th dress code. Induction was very successful with much to look forward to from September. Good luck with your examination results now. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Year 11 Prom

Last night, in the heat, Year 11 enjoyed their Prom. Our students, in the main, looked absolutely fantastic and had clearly made so much effort. This event only runs because of the extra time and effort my staff put in, in order to make memories for our youngsters. They are not paid for this yet turn up annually in their droves, so thank you to everyone involved who made this possible. Year 11, we hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Learn with the Lords

Today, we welcomed Lord Norton to the Academy as part of our wider work in studying British Values, democracy and the rule of law. Students from sociology, as well as those who have indicated that they wish to consider a career in politics, were able to spend some time learning more about our political systems and institutions. Many thanks to Lord Norton for making the trip and inspiring our youngsters.

Year 6 Transition

Next week is the big week in the calendar for us. On Thursday and Friday, we welcome our new students from our local primary schools. We have some great plans for all of you and really look forward to meeting you all properly. Of course, you will be eager to receive your letter informing you of your child's House and R2L Tutor details, which will follow on Monday.

Sports Awards Evening

On Thursday 2 July, Mr Fell and his team are holding our annual sports awards evening. I'm aware he has already shared details with nominated students and teams. We really look forward to this evening each year and to celebrating all of your individual and team successes.



Open Evening - Wednesday 1 July

Although we held an open evening in September, next Wednesday represents our return to a summer open evening which is now a fully ticketed event due to scale and popularity. We are almost sold out for it and look forward to seeing local Year 5 students before they transition into Year 6 and are choosing secondary schools. Our annual open week will still run during the third week in September, where tours will be available.

Invasive Building Works in July

As soon as we break up for the summer on Wednesday 22 July, the whole building is closing from 23 July to 1 August. We will have no access to power at all as invasive works begin to dig up parts of the front of the Academy to fit cabling, piping and restore a modern electrical supply. In addition, postal services will be on hold until August begins. This work has been planned for some time to coincide with the summer holidays and is unavoidable due to the size and scale of the works. Staff will return to site at the beginning of August when any enquiries will also be actioned. Thank you all in advance for your understanding.

This week's heat has been unbearable in a building meant for another time and a very different climate. Our youngsters have done incredibly well in the circumstances. Obviously, we are not done yet and have 18 more working days (I promise you I'm not counting down!) before the summer with so much more to accomplish. As we stride on to the end of term, I was reminded during the week of some excellent words from Vincent Van Gogh: "Don't be overwhelmed by the length of the road that leads you to your dreams. Take a step closer every day, no matter how small. The key is consistency. Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."

Have a good weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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