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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents for your understanding at the latter end of the week before last when we had a number of staff testing positive on their Lateral Flow Tests (LFT), only to find out at the weekend that their PCR tests came back from the labs showing a negative result. We are sorry if this caused difficulties for you at home. With numbers of cases rising all over the country it means we are remaining vigilant and ask you to support your children to test regularly in the run up to the summer break.

Lateral flow testing in September before students return to school

Just to give everyone an early heads up about the beginning of term in September. You will have seen on the news that schools will all be required to carry out two LFTs 3 – 5 days apart as we return after the summer break. We are currently preparing our plan so that this causes as little disruption as possible to the start of the new term. I will write to you next week with a detailed plan so that you can add to your calendars/diaries. We are mindful of ensuring that the new Year 7 students have as positive a return to school as possible given all of the disruption they have suffered in the last year and a half.

Dates for your diaries

Thursday 15 th July	Wykham Park and Futures Aspirations Day focusing on diversity
Friday 16 th July	Sports Day for the whole campus (all children come to school in PE kit for the day and we are selling BBQ food)

A wonderful prom!

As many of you will be aware we ended the week before last with the Year 11 prom, which after all of the disappointments of the last 14 months was a very special evening for all concerned. I would like to thank staff, students and parents for making the event such a wonderful occasion and thank goodness for the lovely weather – we felt blessed!



Football activators

With football very much on our minds I asked one of the girls from the Y7 activators to write a little piece for our weekly letter.



Here it is.....

“We are the girl football activators and we are all part of the game of our own programme! Our goal is to get lots more girls into football and to make girls’ football more popular and well known. Over the last few weeks we have been going to after school workshops to plan fun clubs and sessions to run for girls at this school.

Last week we had a spectacular time running a football session in our P.E. lesson. In it we did different fun football games and played matches. Lots of the girls were inspired by us and are now helping to spread the word about girls’ football. Our club is every Tuesday. Also special mention to Miss Keys. She has inspired all of us to spread the word about girls’ football and we could not do anything without her!”

Phoebe (Year 7)

Summer school

We will be running a summer school for a group of Y6, Y7 and Y8 students by invitation only.

Please look out for communication from us. The programme will run on weekdays for two weeks from 16th – 27th August 2021.

Mental health and welfare support

We have seen so many young people this year struggling with anxiety, panic attacks and low mood. We know that with the summer holidays fast approaching many students will be worried about what support is available when there is no access to school. Below is a list of websites that are available that give advice and support.

Young Minds

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Moodjuice

<http://www.moodjuice.scot.nhs.uk/>

Calm Harm App

<https://calmharm.co.uk/>

Kooth

<https://www.kooth.com/>

Shout Out

<https://giveusashout.org/>

Childline

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

The Mix

<https://www.themix.org.uk/>

OXME

<https://oxme.info/>

Yours faithfully



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