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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you had a good half term and that you were able to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. As the examinations have progressed this week, the weather has become much warmer. A letter was sent home prior to half term about the importance of everyone wearing sun screen of some sort as a layer of protection against the powerful rays of the sun.

As the week ends we have been asked by Bexley Public Health to issue the following statement with regards to the heat:

Level 3 – Heatwave Action

There is a 90 % probability of Heat-Health Alert criteria being met between 0000 on Friday and 0000 on Sunday in parts of England.

Further information on the Heat Health Watch and Heatwave can be found here; <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/heat-health/?tab=heatHealth&season=normal>

The Heatwave Plan and summary of Heat Health Watch Actions for Level 3 can be found below: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england>

We have been looking at the school day for September now that Covid restrictions are no longer with us and proposed changes have been discussed with the governing body. As a result we are planning to return to breaks being taken at the same time by students in the school as opposed to staggered break times. The school day will finish slightly later. A letter regarding the likely timings of the day is being sent out. Please send me any comments or concerns as part of this next stage in the consultation.

As a trial, we will be operating a slightly different school day for the last 2 weeks of term although the start and finish times of the day will not change at this point.

Staffing news

We welcome Mr Pallen to the school as a member of the site staff.

End of Term

The term ends on Wednesday 20th July at 12.15pm. Details about the start of new school year will be published soon. A copy of the School Term Dates for 2022/2023 are attached for your information.

Matthew F W Brown

Matthew Brown, Head Teacher

Student Achievement

My name is Phoebe (G6) and I have been a member of sea cadets since April 2019.

I really enjoy going twice a week to take part in lots activities and have other friends outside of school. Activities that I enjoy are fieldcraft and recently went caving which was really good but a bit scary!



We parade on special occasions, and I must make sure I am in correct uniform and look very smart (a bit like school!)

On 14th June I was invited to a commemoration and remembrance service which was marking the 40th anniversary of the end of the Falkland's war.

At the ceremony the Chief of Staff presented me with my promotion certificate, and I was promoted to RMC – Royal Marine Cadet. I felt very proud of this achievement.

If you are interested in joining the Sea Cadets, I am in Green 6 in Room 17. Please come and ask me about it!



Reminders

Lockers

Please can we remind parents/carers who wish to book lockers for their child for next year to contact the locker company as they are taking bookings and it will be easier to stay with the same locker if it is done now rather than later. The flyer for the locker rental company is attached.

Also some advanced notice – current lockers should be emptied before students leave at the end of term as they are being maintained and cleaned by the locker company at the start of the holidays and it is possible that belongings left in lockers may get mislaid. We will also remind students nearer the time on this.

Medical

Should parents/carers receive a call from their child saying they are unwell please could you call the school to confirm first. If students do not follow the correct procedures it makes it difficult for us to locate them and ensure they are leaving school with an authorised contact.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dates for your Diary

Remaining dates scheduled so far

Date	Event
22nd – 24th June 2022	Year 12 Trip to Eastbourne
Thursday 23 rd June 2022	Science Trip to East London College
Thursday 30 th June 2022	Challenge Day 3
2 weeks beginning 4 th July 2022	Year 10 Work Experience
Tuesday 5 th July 2022	Year 6 Induction Day/Evening
Friday 8 th July 2022	Year 12 Induction Day
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th July 2022	Community Presentation Celebrations
Friday 15 th July 2022	Sports Day
Monday 18 th July 2022	Student Choice Day 1
Tuesday 19 th July 2022	Student Choice Day 2
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Last day of term – early finish
Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd July 2022	INSET DAYS