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Dear Parents/Carers

We are half way through the Summer1 half term. The weeks fly by very quickly in school and this term is proving no exception.

Our Year 11 pupils are immersed in their preparation for the upcoming external examinations, with after school sessions, Saturday morning classes and half term school all planned. We are confident our Year 11 pupils will leave the school with even better results than last years' cohort and these final few weeks are vital for securing their success. Careers interviews, trips to colleges and universities have all been part of preparing them for the exciting next steps on their path to university or the careers of their choice. I am sure you will join me in wishing our Year 11 pupils the best of luck.

I am confident their hard work will be rewarded when the results come out in August.

There have been some exciting trips and events in school already this term and we are looking forward to a summer term packed with a range of activities for students throughout the school.

Below are a flavour of the events that have taken place and are planned for this term:

On Tuesday 21 April a travelling theatre company came into school to perform the play 'An Inspector Calls' to year 11 students. This will be very helpful in their preparation for their coming literature exam.

At the end of last week a group of year 9 and year 10 pupils attended a 2 day workshop training them on citizenship and leadership in school. This was a great opportunity and will enhance our student voice and student leadership team.

This week is the year 7 residential to Kingswood where students will enjoy a 3 day team building and adventure activity trip. This is a key part of the year 7 enrichment program, so fingers crossed for sunny skies!

In May we are planning a 'performing arts' careers event when Year 9 & 10 students will spend time working with young, local performers, learning about the various careers available in the creative arts industry and the pathways they can follow.

A Year 7 French Trip to Boulogne is organised from 7 – 8 July. Miss Marshall and Mr Jones are planning to travel with 40 students to the north coast of France to practice their new language skills, experience French culture and visit some fun tourist spots including a chocolate factory and aquarium!



On 12 May a group of year 9 and year 10 pupils have the opportunity of visiting the Bloomberg News offices in London to find out about careers in this world leading organisation. Again this is a fantastic opportunity for any budding journalists.

We have our annual Sports Day coming up in June and the Ark network-wide sports day at Crystal Palace Stadium in London in July. Also in July we have the Ark music celebration at the Barbican in London.

For July Miss Marshall is busy organising a number of activity days with a variety of unusual and rewarding opportunities. More details to follow about this in due course.

I am sure you will agree this is an incredible amount and variety of opportunities for our pupils in the coming months.

I would like to thank you for your continued support in working with us to help us give the best possible education for your child.

Yours sincerely

Roger Punton
Principal