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Dear Parent/Carer

It is great to settle back into the new term with such delightful and eager students. I have been so impressed with the dedication and commitment of Year 11 and 13 as we gather the evidence for our teacher assessed grades.

It was wonderful last weekend to begin our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions again. 46 students from Year 10 and Y11 took part in the Bronze expedition practise around the school site, supervised by Mrs White, Miss Wrightson and the DofE team. As we all know from the sad death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, the work of the award scheme is hugely important to the lives of the young people who take part and I am grateful to the staff for organising this opportunity for the students.



Selected classes in Year 7 and 8 also took part in the UK Maths Challenge last week. Indeed, some of our extra-curricular clubs in sports have started to operate once more. It is so welcome to be able to reintroduce a few of these experiences so valuable to school life.

Over the coming weeks, there are a number of 'information, advice and guidance' activities for Year 9 and 10 students, which will enable them to make informed choices about their futures. Once more, this is crucially important given students' time away from school and looking to the future. We look forward to meeting Year 9 parents next week at the virtual parents' evening. Details and communications have been sent separately to Year 9 parents and I encourage all parents to follow the on-line booking system. As we finalise the Year 8 into Year 9 options process, I am pleased to state that all option choices have been met and there should be no further changes.

We are aware that there are some road works planned around school in the coming weeks, with the top of Attlee Road closed and three way lights on Station Road. As soon as we know more details we will share these with parents as it will affect the start and end of the school day.

As a reminder, this weekend is a Bank Holiday so we look forward to seeing the students in college on Tuesday.

In the gospel on Sunday, we hear Jesus describe himself as The True Vine (John 15: 1-8). It reminds us that we cannot bear fruit and flourish if we do not prune and refresh our faith. If we are not in communion with Christ we are in danger of withering away.

God bless



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