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Dear Parent/Carer

As we draw to the end of our cultural capital week, where we have seen the entire timetable collapsed to give students the very best opportunities and experiences, the highlights of the week include:

- Year 7: Chester Zoo, cipher challenge, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, retreat day and rocket day
- Year 8: Bee active, grand challenges (IAG) day, YMCA day, STEM day and retreat day
- Year 9: MFL trips to France or Spain, humanities day, media day, cipher challenge, Bletchley Park visit and problem-solving day
- Year 10: Work experience
- Year 12: UCAS, Higher education and work experience

You will no doubt hear more about all of these experiences in our end of term newsletter and, of course, on Facebook and Instagram. I thank the staff, who have worked tirelessly and given up significant time to ensure students have such worthwhile and valuable experiences.

As we move into the final week of the academic year, we wish our Year 10 geography students well as they embark on their trip to Cornwall, Year 7 will be taking part in their outdoor education week at Alton Castle, year groups will have their end of term rewards assemblies, which will include the raffle results for student who have achieved platinum effort awards throughout the year, 100% attendance and students who have 0 behaviour points. At the students' request, we will also be holding a non-uniform day on the last day of term. Please see the separate communication regarding the expectations around non-uniform day.

DFE guidance advises that all schools are required to have lockdown procedures in place and practised at least once a year. This may be as a result of a reported incident/civil disturbance in the local community, with the potential to pose a risk to staff and students in the school. It may also be as a result of a warning being received regarding the risk of air pollution, an animal on site, etc.

As a result, we have a planned lockdown practice on Tuesday, 16th July 2024. You will be made aware on this day what time the lockdown procedure is taking place. During this period of time, we ask all parents/carers to play their part in the lockdown procedures and practise keeping lines of communication open by not contacting the college unless it is an emergency. All students will be asked to remain calm during this period. Once the practice is over, we will send a further message to parents/carers to say that the drill is over. We thank you in advance for your support.

We will be distributing end of year letters and timetables in school next week. Year group flashes will be distributed on the first day back in September. In order to ensure students' learning continues and is in line with the best educational research, students will be set summer work as follows:

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- Year 7 – 2 hours of English and 2 hours of maths only (these could be spaced learning tasks and preparation for Year 8).
- Year 8 – transition tasks for subjects being carried on to KS4 only – 30 minutes per subject.
- Years 9 and 10 – 1 hour per subject.
- Year 11 – transition work for those staying on into the sixth form. 3 hours per subject – guided flipped learning. This should inform the first lesson.
- Year 12 – 6 hours private study work per subject.

In the gospel on Sunday, Mark 6:7-13, Jesus sends out his disciples in twos to spread the good news. It is timely as our students go out and about that they continue to display the gospel values and Catholic social teachings in their actions and in doing that they are indeed being disciples themselves.

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

Mrs R Waugh