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Specialist Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer

We have been blessed with beautiful weather this week and it has certainly raised the spirits in college. Please be aware we are following our warm weather risk assessment which includes relaxing the blazer policy as necessary, ventilating rooms in accordance with guidance and adapting the curriculum and social time to ensure students remain hydrated and calm in order to conserve energy.

Year 11 and 13 have finally concluded their public examinations and we are so very proud of each and every one of them. We hope they can enjoy a long and restful summer! It will be lovely to celebrate with Year 11 today and we look forward to welcoming Year 11 parents to share in our Mass of thanksgiving. Year 13 were able to share in celebrations prior to the examination period.

As one door closes, the next opens and Year 10 have embarked on a full set of mocks and have risen to the challenge admirably. We have also welcomed out Year 6 students, who are joining us in September form our non-feeder schools in order to help them build friendships and familiarity with the college prior to their transition days.

Our Year 9 and 10 photography students completed a study at Les Oakes Reclamation Yard, Year 12 sociology students visited Glastonbury, Year 12 visited Staffordshire University for a UCAS visit and selected Year 9 and 10 students took part in learn to learn enterprise activities.

Parents will have received specific information regarding cultural capital week this week (7th – 11th July). Year 7 students who are not at Alton Castle and Year 8 and Year 9 students who are not in Normandy will be engaged in activities to support and develop their cultural capital. Please refer to the letters sent out this week. For specific day visits, further details regarding timing, clothing and lunch arrangements will be sent to you from departments organising each visit. In the same week, Year 10 will be completing work experience and Year 12 will have a number of days on higher education and work experience.

In the week ahead, there will be a Year 12 transition day for the students joining Year 12 in September, Year 10 history students will visit the Thackery Medicine Museum, The Duke of Edinburgh silver students will complete their expedition and Year 7 will participate in rocket day.

On Thursday, we will celebrate our whole college Mass. Weather permitting, we will be outside for Mass. We hope it will be a wonderful celebration and we look forward to sharing the occasion with you via our social media channels.

It is a busy time of year as we begin to look forward to the year ahead and write next year's timetable and calendar. We will share this information with you as soon as we are able to.

In the Gospel this weekend, we reflect on the Feast of Corpus Christ and hear the feeding of the five thousand (Luke 9: 11-17). It is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of the Eucharist in our own lives to nourish and strengthen us.

God Bless

R. A. Waugh

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