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Dear parents/carers,

I hope you have had a great week. It has been a busy first week back after half term, with lots of GCSE and A Level exams. Well done to all of the students who have been working incredibly hard in this period, they have conducted themselves excellently throughout the exams.

Y13 had their leavers' assembly earlier in May, and Y11 had an enjoyable send off yesterday with an ice cream van and band. We wish everybody the best of luck for the remaining exams.

Enrichment

A total of 891 students have attended enrichment so far this year which is fantastic. Please see the attached timetable for half term six and encourage your child to attend.

Work experience/internships

Y12 will complete their internship w/c 22 June and Y10 have work experience w/c 6 July. Many of our parents, who are employers, are hosting our students, which we are very grateful for as this is such a fantastic opportunity for them to gain experience in the workplace. We still have a small number of students who are seeking a placement, so if you are an employer who would be willing to host a student, we would be grateful if you would contact Mr Hodgson.

Reward Trips

We are currently planning two end of year reward trips. Y7 and 8 will have the opportunity to visit Drayton Manor on 7 July and Y9 and 10 will have the opportunity to visit Alton Towers on 23 June. Further information on the criteria for attending these visits and the process for signing up will be shared next week.

Water safety

As the weather becomes warmer and students spend more time outdoors, we would like to remind families about the dangers of open water.

Sadly, there have been several recent incidents in which young people have lost their lives in rivers, lakes, reservoirs and canals. These tragic events highlight how dangerous open water can be, even for strong swimmers.

We ask that you take a few minutes to speak to your child about the risks of entering open water. Dangers can include cold water shock, strong currents, hidden objects beneath the surface and sudden changes in depth.

The Royal Life Saving Society UK has produced helpful guidance for parents and young people, which can be found here: <https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/open-water-safety-tips>

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our young people safe.

Mr Peirson is currently not in school due to ill health, and I am leading the school in his absence, with the support of Leger Education Trust.



'Prepare for the road ahead'

Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

I hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Bridge', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

A Bridge
Deputy Headteacher