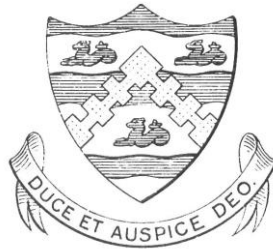


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Friday 6th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

After appreciation of the long Bank Holiday weekend, our Year 10 students have been immersed in their first week of **work experience**. Despite the early anxiety of transport, clothing, lunch and first day arrangements, we have been delighted by how warmly the students have been welcomed across over 100 businesses. We are really enjoying our visits to see the students in their work places and hearing the many wonderful opportunities they are receiving, and wanted to re-iterate our sincere thanks to all those involved.

The return to **GCSE and A-Level examinations** has seen the last week of coursework submissions, PE moderation and French orals. This is always a huge burden on students, and staff, and I congratulate them all as we put in place final preparations for the start of examinations on Monday 16th May. To provide a much-needed break in proceedings, we have a **celebration day** for all that has been achieved for our Year 11 students next Friday May 13th, and a farewell for Year 13s on May 20th. (A reminder that Year 11 yearbook photos are being taken on Monday and so **all Year 11 students** will need to have their **school jumpers** with them please).

In assemblies this week Mr Withers has been speaking about the need for us all to consider our own wellbeing, as well as supporting our friends with the "ask twice" approach; please see the attached **What is Mental Health** slides. Also attached are two helpful guides from our friends at Kooth, www.kooth.com with more detailed support and links available on our website.

There is a national study taking place to tally all the plastic packaging that is thrown away for one week. This will provide a national picture that can be used to guide government policy, as well as consider our own plastic footprint. Join thousands of people between May 16th and 22nd to submit your results on The Big Plastic website: [How it works](#)
[| The Big Plastic Count](#)

We have updated our **Clubs and Activities** list for the summer term. All students have been given a copy today and it is also attached and available on the school website. I would encourage all students to participate in at least one! Do remember that our **free tennis coaching** is starting on Fridays, after school, with everyone welcome. As usual, attached is some information that may be of interest to some of you.

Enjoy the arrival of the warm weather.

Mr Hales

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