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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Ready, Respect, Safe**

Our key school rule is above: three words making one rule. We would be grateful if parents reinforced this at home. **In this letter, I would like to focus on the safety of our students.**

### **Safety on the School Journey**

It's with great sadness that I have to report that one of our Yr.7 students was approached by a stranger in a car this term, asking them to come with them. Fortunately, the student acted maturely, remained out of harm's way and even managed to get the number plate. However, a number of similar instances have occurred with students of all ages in Ealing schools this academic year. As the clocks go back on 28<sup>th</sup> October and evenings become much darker, it really is important that students go straight home at the end of the school day. There is no need for students to be frightened in the local area, but there is every need for them to be sensible, mature and to act in a way that is more likely to keep them safe.

Speaking to representatives of the local Police recently, they made it clear that perhaps **the worst time for street crime is the next few weeks**. With darker evenings, Halloween, Fireworks night, Diwali... there are some wonderful celebrations, but young people out late are more likely to either cause trouble or to be put in a situation in which their personal well-being is at risk. Teenagers need some freedom to grow up, but please keep an eye on them over this period.

The third aspect of this I should mention is **safety on the roads**. Our Yr. 12s, many of them on the verge of driving, had a harrowing presentation at Questors Theatre called *Safe Drive, Stay Alive*. The purpose was to make them slow down when they drive and to get out of any car when someone is driving dangerously. Yr.7-12 also had an assembly on road safety. Did you know that traffic accidents, particularly when crossing the road, are the biggest single killer of teenagers? And why does it affect teenagers rather than other age groups? The simple answer is that so many of them are looking at their phones instead of looking at the roads. Please remind your sons and daughters to pay attention when crossing the road.



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## School Calendar Reminders

For new parents, please note our “occasional day” (Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November) when the school is closed for our traditional mid-winter long weekend, which you need to be aware of. We have placed an occasional day at this point in the year for the last 10 years: it provides some much needed rest for staff and students during the long autumn term and the dark days of winter. We have used all our other Inset days and occasional days already or added them to holidays. **This should help parents in terms of limiting the need for childcare during the course of the year.**

<b>Autumn Term 2018</b>	
<b>Autumn Half Term Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October; return to school Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Year 7 Parents meet the Form Tutors Evening	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November, 4pm – 6.30
Yr 9-10 A*-A Evening	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
Yr 8 Parents’ Evening	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November, 4.30-7pm, Main Hall/Dining Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
Year 12 A Level Parents’ Evening	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November, 4.30-7pm, Main Hall/Dining Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
<b>Occasional Day – school closed</b>	<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>
KS4 Pre-Public Exams	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 13 A Level Parents’ Evening	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December, 4.30 - 7pm, Main Hall/Dining Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
UCAS University Applications Deadline	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Winter Concert	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December, from 6pm, Lady Margaret entrance
Last day of term for Yrs. 11, 12 and 13	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, students leave by 12 mid-day</b>
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>
<b>First day of Spring Term 2019</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>
KS4 PPE Exam Results - Yr 9-11	15 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> January
Yr 11 Parents’ Evening	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January, 4.30-7pm, Main Hall/Dining Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
Yr 10 Parents’ Evening	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January, 4.30 - 7pm, Main Hall/Dining Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
Yr 9 Parents’ Evening	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February, 4.30 - 7pm, Main Hall/Dining Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
<b>Half Term holidays</b>	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb; return 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>
KS4 Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) for two weeks	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February -Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Yr 7 Parents’ Evening (meet subject teachers)	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February, 4.30 - 7pm, Main Hall/Dining Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
Yr. 13 Pre-Public Exams	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Yr 12 and 13 Parents’ Evening- for students causing concern only	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March, 4.30 - 7pm, Main Hall/Dining Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
Red Nose Day -Non-uniform/charity day	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March Date To Be Confirmed
<b>Raising Achievement Day/Last day of Spring Term</b>	<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, students do not attend lessons but, with their parents/carer, have a pre- arranged interview with a member of staff</b>



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<b>Easter Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>
<b>Summer Term 2019 begins</b>	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>
<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Summer external exams – GCSE & A Level	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Yr 13 Final Day before study leave	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May; return 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>
Yr12 PPEs (Pre-Public Exams)	10 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> June
KS3 (Yr7-8) Internal Exams	24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Welcome Evening for Yr 6	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June, Main Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
Yr 11 Final Assembly and Prom	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
Induction Day for Yr 6 into Yr 7	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Higher Education Days for Yr12	Mon-Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> July
School Summer Concert	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July, from 6pm, School Hall
Last Day for Yr.12	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Sports Day	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July, Perivale Athletics Stadium
Enrichment Week	15 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> July, including trips and activities
<b>Last Day of the Academic Year</b>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2019, whole school assembly, goodbye to staff who are leaving; student party in form groups. Students leave by 12 mid-day
A Level Results 2019	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August, Main Hall, Lady Margaret entrance. 8.30 a.m. Yr13
GCSE Results 2019	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August, Main Hall, Lady Margaret entrance. 8.30 a.m. Yr11; 9.30 a.m. Yr9 and Yr. 10
New Academic Year: 2019-20	Yrs7 & 12: start Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 All other year groups start Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September

I hope the above information is of use to you. The term dates for the next academic year can be found on our website, for those who like to plan ahead.

Best wishes,



**M. Cramer**  
Headteacher



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