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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you are all well and that those of you who were celebrating Diwali last week had a lovely time. I am writing regarding a few matters.

### **TikTok**

We have been made aware of a recent 'craze' where videos and photographs of staff from schools, taken from platforms such as websites or official social media feeds, are being adapted. The videos contain insulting, untrue and inappropriate captions and are then shared. Please note that the police will be informed of any videos that may contain images or videos of staff at Greenford High School, and should any perpetrators be identified, the most serious of sanctions will follow.

I take this opportunity to remind you that it is a good idea to check your child's phone or device regularly and to have conversations with them about what they are viewing and sharing. If you do become aware of any inappropriate material that has been shared with your child, we ask you to let us know.

### **Occasional Day on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

A reminder that we will be having our annual occasional day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. On this day the school will be closed to all students.

### **GHS News**

After two difficult years full of disruption, it is wonderful to be back in school able to return to so many activities as normal. Our sports clubs have resumed and [the timetable](#) shows a wide range of activities, so please do encourage your child to get involved if not already. We have also resumed our fixtures and are competing in many tournaments and matches, which is wonderful to see. We have also had 9 of our students qualify as FA referees. Well done to them all and thanks to our PE staff for supporting this.

We continue to be alert to the signs of Covid in the school, and will always ensure that safety remains a priority, but it is lovely to see so many other extra-curricular clubs running in addition to sports clubs. Chess club and choir continue to be favourites, and we are busy planning for further events such as our Christmas concert, our annual Spelling Bee competition, our Greenford Read event and a number of trips and visits, to name a few.

We will continue to update you with news of what is happening in school, so that you can see everything that your children are involved in, and I encourage you to also follow our Twitter Feed @ghsofficial.

In other news, record levels of students have received celebrations for excellent interim reports, which is no surprise, as so many of our students have worked so hard during their first half term back in school.

### **Show My Homework**

Show My Homework should now be being used routinely by students, and they should also be using Google Classroom to support their learning at home. If you are still having access issues with Show My Homework, then please contact Mrs Grimley as a matter of urgency at [lgrimley@greenford.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:lgrimley@greenford.ealing.sch.uk).

### **Character Strengths**

As you will be aware, we continue to use our 5 character strengths to support the learning of our students in becoming not just academically strong, but also to become well rounded, well functioning individuals. Our character strength for this half term is 'Compassion' – this is especially important as we mark anti bullying week next week and remembrance this week. Our 5 strengths are Community, Compassion, Courage, Resilience and Responsibility; please take time to discuss how these might be demonstrated during your child's time in school and in their own time too.

With my very best wishes,



Mrs M Pye  
Headteacher