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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to all students this week. I am delighted to report that we have had an extremely positive and productive week. Students have behaved impeccably and have applied themselves to their studies with real focus. As I have walked around the school to look at lessons, I have been very impressed with the quality of learning that has been taking place, and students have been working very hard.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

It is with great sadness that I write on behalf of the school staff and governing body to express our sincere condolences on the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Her Majesty was an outstanding public servant who gave her life to the service of the country and the commonwealth, and she will be remembered as a most cherished and loved Sovereign.

This morning we remembered the Queen's life of service in assembly and during tutor time.

We are awaiting guidance on whether the day of the funeral will be observed as a bank holiday and what arrangements will be in place for schools on this day. At the moment, we have just been told that schools should remain open for now. I will obviously update you as and when we get more information.

Key messages on the return to school

This week, all students have had an assembly about our expectations as a school community. As you will be aware, our 3 rules are 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' and I have reminded students about some key things connected to these rules. I outline some of these below for your reference:-

Being ready: students should be in school on time, through the gates by 8:30am at the very latest. Full uniform should be worn. Trainers of any kind are not allowed.

Being respectful: students have been reminded that they should follow instructions from staff at all times, and that any instances of repeated defiance will result in a high level sanction.

Being safe: students have been reminded that any instances of online or in-person bullying will be taken very seriously. Please see the second page of this letter for information on how we deal with bullying. Students have also been reminded that they should never have their mobile phone out during school; if they do, it will be confiscated and kept for 5 school days. Any sharing or uploading of inappropriate content about the school or individuals at Greenford High School will be taken very seriously, with the highest of sanctions issued.

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep the school community as safe, positive and productive as it can be for everyone.

Dates for your diary

Please see the following dates for your diary below:

Tues 13 th September 2022 - 5:30pm-6:15pm	Year 8 Expectations Evening, Main Hall All Year 8 parents/ carers and students should attend
Wed 14 th September 2022 - 5:30pm-6:15pm	Year 12 Expectations Evening, Lecture Theatre All Year 12 parents/ carers and students should attend
Thurs 15 th September 2022 - 5:30pm-6:15pm	Year 9 Expectations Evening, Main Hall All Year 9 parents/ carers and students should attend
Week beginning 26 th September 2022	Year 13 and Year 11 assessments begin
Thurs 6 th October 2022 – 4:45pm-8pm	School open evening. Please note that school will close early on this day. More information will follow.
Fri 7 th October 2022 – all day	INSET day – school closed to students
Mon 24 th October – Fri 28 th October 2022	Half term
Friday 25 th November 2022	School closed – occasional day

Please see the calendar on our website for more information on dates.

Further Information about Bullying

Bullying is not tolerated at Greenford High School and is tackled in several ways - this is what we do:

- We listen and we give support;
- We make it very clear in all our messaging to our community that bullying is not tolerated, for example in PSHCE and assemblies;
- Diversity in all its forms is celebrated;
- Sanctions are issued for those who bully;
- Support is given to those who are victims through mentoring, counselling and other professionals;
- We have designated safe spaces around the school, such as The Inspire Centre in B Block;
- Perpetrators need to take part in mentoring sessions and workshops to help change behaviours;
- If behaviours don't change, the sanctions become high level and may include suspension or exclusion;
- We have a team of senior staff dedicated to working to stamp out bullying.

Please see the school's [Anti-Bullying Policy](#) for more information, including clear flow-charts for how we deal both victims and perpetrators.

Thank you for your ongoing support for what I hope will be another very successful year here at Greenford.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs M Pye
Headteacher