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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we are nearing the end of term, I am writing with a few bits of information and to also thank you for your support during what has been another successful year. Your children continue to perform exceptionally well in both their academic studies and their wider involvement in the school.

I hope that your children have been able to enjoy the wide range of trips, visits and other extra-curricular activities we have put in place over the last few weeks. We will soon be sending out our final 'Community Connect' newsletter of the year, where you will be able to see plenty of photographs and more information on the many wider opportunities that your children have been involved in this term.

I would like to thank Year 10 parents for their support during the most recent NEU strike days. Attendance from Year 10 students was outstanding, and we had a very productive 2 days.

End of Term Arrangements

Last Day of Term:

The last day of term is Wednesday 19th July 2023.

- Year 10 students finish at 10:45am.
- Years 7, 8, and 9 finish at 12pm.
- Please note that Post 16 students finish on Friday 14th July 2022 at 3pm.

Results Days:

- Post 16 results day is Thursday 17th August 2023. Results can be collected from **8:00am** onwards.
- GCSE results day is Thursday 24th August 2023. Results can be collected from **8:30am** onwards.

Return to School in September:

- Year 7 will begin on Wednesday 6th September at 8:30am.
- Year 12 will begin on Tuesday 5th September at 1pm and will then have a 2 hour induction session on Wednesday 6th September. Exact timings for the Wednesday session will be communicated in August. Their first full day will be on Thursday 7th September.
- All other year groups (including Year 13) will begin on Thursday 7th September at 8:30am as normal.

Punctuality and Uniform in September:

You will be aware that high expectations in schools leads to improved examination results. We have

been reviewing our systems around punctuality and uniform to ensure that all members of our school community meet our high expectations, in line with the majority of our students, who already do so. I will write to you again in September with further details, but it is important for all students to remember that the **school day starts at 8:30am and the gates will therefore be locked promptly at 8:30am.** We recommend that **students arrive in school at 8:20am** to be sure that they will be on time and avoid a detention.

We are also working to improve some students' punctuality to lessons, and in September, any student who is late to class will be sanctioned with a short detention. Please support us by reinforcing these messages over the Summer.

Regarding uniform, please ensure that your child is fully equipped with the correct uniform for September. Trainers are not allowed. We recommend purchasing more than one school tie, as these can often go missing. Families who are struggling with the cost of uniform should contact their child's Year Leader who may be able to help.

From September, if students arrive at school wearing incorrect uniform, they will be taken to Student Services where they will be asked to borrow missing items. Parents and carers will be notified when this happens.

School Meals:

We have been advised by our School Meals Provider, Chartwells, that they will be increasing the price of a school meal to £2.82 as from September. Unfortunately, as we are a PFI school, we have no control over this increase, although we recognise that this may be challenging for many families during a 'cost of living' crisis, and we have therefore fed this back to the company.

If your child was in receipt of free school meals at primary school and you have not re-registered since they started attending secondary school, please ensure you re-register via the Ealing Council website [here](#). If your circumstances have changed, then please also apply for free school meals in the same way [here](#). As we operate a PIN number system for meals in school, no child is ever made to feel different for having free meals, as they are served in exactly the same way as children who pay for their meals. We have many students in the school who benefit from free meals each day.

Satchel One App:

If you have not already done so, please download the Satchel One app onto your phone so that you can access your child's homework and receive notifications about Character Points they may receive. Instructions about how to download the app can be found on the recent letter sent out to parents [on the website here](#). Please make this a priority over the Summer, so this is in place for September.

Once again, thank you for your support this year and I wish you all a wonderful Summer break.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs M Pye
Headteacher