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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the families who attended the information evenings this week. We enjoyed meeting you all and discussing the year ahead. For anyone who was unable to attend, the slides have been put on your child's Teams account so that you can view the presentation. I would also like to thank Miss O'Leary, Miss Brown, Miss Dorcely, Mr Scrimshaw and Ms Iweha who all worked hard to ensure these evenings were successful.

We held an enjoyable 'National Fitness Day' on Wednesday and I send my thanks to the PE team for organising and running the special events on the day. It was great to see so many children engaging with various activities.

My shout outs this week have gone to: Niventhen (Green Tie), Freddie (Red Tie) and John A (Red Tie), Ahmed A (Year 12).

As we have mentioned before and as you will have noticed in the national press, attendance is a key focus for the government. Children are expected to attend school every day and we encourage attendance even if the child is feeling a little under the weather. Children can still come into school with a cough and a cold and can medicate with paracetamol to help them through the day Next week we want to see every student with 100% attendance. To work towards this target, students who are in every day will have an opportunity to

win a prize. On Friday, all students who have 100% attendance for the week will see their names put into a prize draw, and one student from each year group will receive a £10 voucher. Please encourage your child to come into school; where a child has a minor illness, we would recommend medication taken first thing in the morning to help minimise discomfort, and lots of water.

We are currently updating the curriculum pages on our website. Please check these pages imminently as you will see updated course details and topics. A homework timetable is also being prepared and will be available soon.

Our Open Evening for new Year 7 children looking for places for September 2025 takes place next Wednesday, 25th September and we will follow this up with two Open Mornings on 27th September and 4th October. Should you know anyone who is looking for a secondary school place for their son, please encourage them to visit. We are part of the London Boys' Schools Network; where headteachers collaborate to promote boys' education and I encourage anyone looking at secondary schools for their son to watch our promotional video here. As a reminder, the school closes early on Wednesday 25th September at 2.10pm and opens later the next day. All students should be on site by 10am on Thursday, 26th September. After school clubs will be cancelled on Wednesday 25th September

but the football and basketball fixtures will still go ahead; the PE department will be in touch with parents of the students involved. Please indicate by completing the form here if you would like your child to be supervised on site on Wednesday 25th September until 3.10pm.

Finally, I have been made aware of a free parenting course for children aged 3-12. The course will run online via Google Meet, on a TUESDAY EVENING, from 7.15 -9.15pm. It's an interactive course where parents will work alongside each other to learn, practise and reflect upon a range of practical parenting strategies. Eligibility: parents living in the Wandsworth area, in receipt / eligible for Free School Meals. Registration is via this link: https://parentinghub.co.uk/contact/register. Full details of the course can be found here: https://parentinghub.co.uk/ joinacourse/

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ms Dohel Principal



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