

7th June 2024

Dear Families

We have had an excellent start to this half term. Students have responded incredibly well to our high expectations of uniform and equipment. They are following our one way systems and our expectations in the canteens. Students are clearly enjoying lunchtimes in the canteen or playing on the muga. One of the consequences of our new lunchtime arrangements is that there is far less litter around site too. Overall, I've been delighted with students this week so thank you for your support in reinforcing our expectations.

This week Year 10 have enjoyed some university visits. On Tuesday, staff attended some training to support us with our introduction to T Levels as part of our Sixth Form Curriculum offer in September 2025. On Wednesday we welcomed some of our new Year 7 students to the Emmaus Department for induction and yesterday we welcomed students from our Catholic primary schools for the first taster day of the year. I'm grateful to the staff and students who will be working so hard to provide these experiences for our primary pupils. We also held a two minute silence at 11am followed by prayer and reflection to mark the 80th anniversary of D Day. This afternoon I enjoyed another praise afternoon tea.

Well done to the Year 7/8 cricket team who travelled to Glebe Farm school for a match last night. We opened the batting and scored 99 off our 10 overs with Glebe Farm scoring 49 off their 10 overs. Special mentions to Joseph Maw our top scorer with 56 and Azmat Ahmadzai who bowled exceptionally well and took his first wicket for the school. The team has now had two wins from two matches and they are getting stronger with each game.

Next week we welcome researchers from University College London who are coming in to find out about continuous professional development for teachers. On Tuesday and Wednesday Year 7s will enjoy a Careers Workout. On Tuesday I will be attending the Milton Keynes Headteacher Conference. Year 10 students are visiting the University of Warwick and in the evening there's a PTA meeting as well as a Year 7 information evening. On Wednesday we have another primary taster day and Year 8 students are going on a Bushcraft Residential visit. Thursday sees a further primary taster day and there's a Year 12 parents' information evening that night. On Friday there is a Year 4 taster day and Year 12 are visiting Oxford Brookes University.

As the GCSE and A-level exams progress many students will find that they no longer need revision guides and study books for some subjects. If you have any spare revision guides, books or resources, that the school has not already specified should be returned then please consider donating them to our collection, we will redistribute them to pupils and students who need them next year. Students can place them in the dropbox outside J125 at the bottom of J block.

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Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Prom Clothing appeal, the support has been overwhelming and we are now ready to open this up for students who haven't yet finalised their outfits! Students have been sent a catalogue of all the items we have available to hire and can now complete an expression of interest via Office 365 to browse and try on the outfits. Items will be available to hire for £15 with the expectation that items will be returned before the end of term. Payments will be taken via Wisepay once items have been reserved. I am very grateful to Miss Clark for organising all of this for our students.

A reminder that The Catholic Association pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Friday 23rd to Friday 30th August 2023. Those aged 17 - 25 may be eligible to go as part of the young helper group. You can find more information [here](#).

I have received a very significant complaint from one of our neighbours about parking in the road opposite our school. I would be very grateful if you could be careful where you are parking so that we avoid these complaints. Thank you for your support with this.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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