

1st July 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 11 and Year 13 prom

This week saw the Year 13 prom take place on Wednesday 29th June and Year 11 prom on Thursday 30th June 2022. After the past two years, it was a pleasure to see students able to engage in celebratory events once again. I spoke to a number of parents before the start of the Year 11 prom yesterday and they were all delighted that their children were able to have this experience after the challenges of the past two years. I know Year 13 students and parents felt particularly pleased as the Year 13 cohort missed out on their Year 11 prom. Both year groups were a credit to themselves and the school at the proms this week and I would like to thank Mr Amos and the Sixth Form team, and Mr Alexander, Mr Ladhani and the Year 11 team, for leading on the organisation of the events.

Activities week

Next week is the first activities week since 2019 and I know that staff and students are looking forward to an exciting week of enjoyable learning experiences and events. Please see below the details for each year group for each day and please click the year group in the first column to see the letter previously shared with parents/guardians.

	Monday 4th July 2022	Tuesday 5th July 2022	Wednesday 6th July 2022	Thursday 7th July 2022
Year 7	PGL or Visit to London Zoo	PGL/House Day	PGL/Sponsored Walk	Musical Theatre Day
Year 8	Cultural Capital Day	House Day	Sponsored Walk	Musical Theatre Day
Year 9	Cultural Capital Day	House Day	Sponsored Walk	Super Sports Day
Year 10	Group A: GCSE Geography trip Group B: GCSE English Language Presentation Day	House Day	Group A: Sponsored Walk Group B: GCSE Geography trip	Musical Theatre Day
Year 12	'Talk the Talk' Day	House Day	Sponsored Walk	Post-18 Options Day

Visitors to school

This week a number of school governors, accompanied by the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Vanguard Learning Trust visited the school to observe lessons, meet with students and staff and observe the school parliament meeting. The feedback from the visitors was overwhelmingly positive and they particularly praised the attitude and maturity of our students.

It is always a pleasure to welcome visitors to see the school in action, particularly after the past two years when this has not been possible, and I am looking forward to hosting more opportunities for members of the school community to visit the school next academic year.

TikTok - resources for parents

I would like to share with parents/guardians the parents' guide to TikTok (click [here](#)) and TikTok app safety - what parents need to know (click [here](#)). I know that a number of students use TikTok alongside other social media platforms, and I trust parents/guardians find the resources useful.

Finally, I wish all members of the community a peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely



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