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Dear Parents / Carers

Sharing our appreciation

As we move towards the end of the examination period, I wanted to celebrate with you the way our Year 11 and 13 students have approached this important time and also share my appreciation for the conduct all our students have demonstrated around the examination venues.

It goes without saying that this is a stressful time for those in Year 11 and 13, but their positive approach and calmness during this period demonstrates some of the softer skills they have developed. For the rest of our community to show such respect for these students and make sure that our examination venues are places where the students can concentrate demonstrates the consideration they have for others.

Improving Attendance

We have an important 5 weeks left in this academic year. During that period, all our year groups will complete end of year assessments, with Years 10 and 12 completing their assessments in the same exam venues the Year 11s have been using. This will be their first opportunity to experience what it is like to sit assessments in this way.

With such an important period of time ahead of us, it is crucial that we work together to ensure attendance is as high as possible. We started to see improvements in this across all year groups prior to half-term, and while Year 10 are continuing this trend, attendance in other year groups has slipped. Weekly attendance across Years 8 and 9 has been well below 90% for the last three weeks. May I ask for your support in making sure all students attend as much as possible over the next five weeks.

Staying safe in hot weather

On Friday it will be the hottest day of the year so far. As you already know, we are not requiring students to wear their blazers until Monday. Alongside this, please may I ask that you support us in reinforcing the need for students to keep hydrated. We have water fountains around the site and encourage students to fill water bottles during lesson changeovers and at break and lunchtime.

And finally, one of the challenges we often face at this time of year is that of a minority of students using their water bottles to throw water at each other. While I can understand this is fun in the right environment, I know you would join with me in not wanting students sitting in their lessons in wet clothes.

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This is the first exam period I have experienced at Guilsborough, and the thought and consideration demonstrated by all our students towards those sitting exams has reinforced the fact that we have an amazing set of students.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Frazer', written in a cursive style.

Mr S Frazer
Principal