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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Summer Update

Hot Weather

Yesterday we received a letter from the Local Authority which we were asked to share with you. I understand that the letter will raise further questions from some students and parents/carers about our approach to the current weather.

I have spoken to many of the other local secondary Headteachers/Principals and we are agreed on the approach we are taking. In line with others, we have allowed students to leave their blazers at home for the remainder of the summer term. None of the schools I have spoken to are allowing the students to wear PE kit due to the weather. However, we have agreed to keep this under review, and should the temperature continue to increase as we go through the rest of June and July, we will consider what further actions we can take.

We have a number of classrooms which do get particularly warm during the summer months and staff are doing everything they can to ventilate the rooms and keep them as cool as possible. Please may you join with me in encouraging the students to fill their water bottles during break and lunch and during lesson change-overs. It is important that we all remain hydrated when it is hot.

Finally, and again linked to the weather. A very small number of students have been soaking each other with water during breaks. I do not want students sitting in wet clothes during lessons. Also, bringing the water into the corridors creates a slip hazard when so many are walking between lessons. Please may I ask you to reinforce that their water is for drinking, not for pouring over themselves or others.

Year 10 Exams

This morning I spoke to all Year 10 in their assembly. I would like to wish them the very best of luck in their Year 10 exams. As I said to them this morning, there is nothing negative about being smart and successful. Each and every one of our students has the opportunity to make the most of their time at Guilsborough.

Each student has their own exam timetable which shows their venue and seat number for each exam. It is important they arrive equipped for each examination and I would like to see each of them with a clear pencil case containing all the necessary equipment. This includes:

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- At least two black pens
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Calculator (when required)
- Maths geometry set (when required)
- Highlighter pens – these allow the students to identify key terms in the questions.

Other Activities

Finally, I would like to celebrate our amazing students. Last week Mrs Shiels, and other members of the Geography and Pastoral teams, took the vast majority (over 120) of our Year 10 Geography students to Hunstanton. This is a necessary part of the syllabus. Our students were amazing with members of the public approaching staff and commenting on their excellent conduct. A huge thank you to all the staff who attended and made the visit possible.

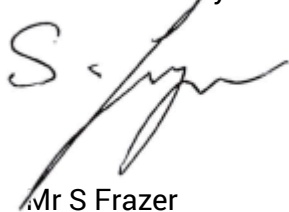
In addition to the Hunstanton trip, this week Mr Van Asch took a group of students to a Warhammer gaming competition. The group came away with an award which is in recognition of the work they have done to improve their skills during the regular after school sessions. Thank you to Mr Van Asch, Mr Tapley and Miss Rumsby who regularly help out in the after school club.

Many other activities take place during the school day and after it. Our students are fantastic ambassadors for Guilsborough and never let us down when taking part in extra-curricular activities.

It would be wrong to finish without recognising our amazing Duke of Edinburgh students, and the staff who support them. A huge thank you to Mr Flannagan for all the background work involved and the other colleagues who give up their valuable time to support the weekend expeditions.

Year 11 will be in school for the final whole cohort examination tomorrow. I hope they have a great summer break and I look forward to seeing them again in August when we can celebrate their results.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Frazer
Principal