



9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your support for the students as they have returned to school this week. Please see below some updates from the school that may be of interest to you.

### **Queen Elizabeth II**

As a school, we are deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. An amazing individual that did so much to inspire us all. Our thoughts are with the royal family at this time. Whilst, in common with other public services, schools will continue to operate as normal during this period of national mourning we are very mindful of the significance of this event. We have reflected on the life of Queen Elizabeth with the students this morning and talked with them about the importance of this period of time.

### **Big Welcome**

A big Welcome Back to all our students who are returning to us after summer and a special Welcome to our Year 7 students who are joining us for the first time. We are very excited to see all of you and look forward to a fantastic year filled with fun, participation and hard work. The Year 7 students are today participating in a team building event at Waddow Hall which we hope they have enjoyed and concludes their induction to the school.

### **Themed Weeks**

Our themed weeks were very successful last term and we are now going to run them every other week for the coming school year. Our next themed week will start on Monday and will be led by the student leadership team. Nominations and elections will take place for posts on the student leadership team and a range of activities and competitions will take place with prizes galore.

### **Co-Curricular Offer**

We are very pleased to say that the fantastic co-curricular offer put on for students will be continuing this year. We will be running a large number of clubs and activities during lunch and after school this term. These activities range from chess to yoga to craft clubs and many more. The full menu of clubs will go live next week and information has already been shared with students about some of the opportunities available. Please encourage your children to sign up to some of them and get involved. If they are unsure or need some help to do this then contact your child's form tutor who will be happy to help.

### **Parent Information Evenings**

Many thanks to all the Year 7 parents/carers who attended the Year 7 information evening last Thursday. There is another parent information evening on for Year 9 and 10 on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September starting at 5.00pm. Parents/carers of Year 9 and 10 students have received a separate invitation to this event.

### **Open Evening**

Our Open Evening will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 4pm. As usual, school will close early on that day for students at 12:30pm. We will be seeking student assistance with this event over the next week or so. Students who volunteer to help will be given a letter to take home to parents with further information.

I wish you a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Yours faithfully,

**I Siddall**  
**Headteacher**



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