



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 2022

## Headteachers' Blog

### Prom

On Thursday evening we said goodbye to our Year 11 at their Prom. As is traditional now at these events, the students looked amazing in their suits and gowns, and the arrivals were littered with expense, wit, and style. Now that their examinations are over, most of the students can look forward to a wonderful summer break before their A Level and vocational courses start, whilst some were telling me that their apprenticeships start today!

### Transition

The wheel never stops turning, and as soon as we wave them goodbye, we turn around to welcome our new year 7, 190 of them, in school today for their transition days. The move from a primary to a secondary school can be a significant hurdle, and so we have worked hard in preparing the two day transition event to be one that helps reassure those students, to welcome them and inspire them, and to send them home happy.

The 130 Year 11 leaving us, and the 190 joining, is again evidence of our community believing in the school. With every year that we fill our places, the school becomes ever more secure and stable. The vagaries of funding being lagged one year behind continue to challenge the strategic spend of the budget, but we have a clear vision about where we are going, and all of this bodes very well for the continued success of the school.

### CRY

This weekend just passed we once again played host to the Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) charity, as they offered their screening services for young people. Our connection to CRY goes back nearly ten years, as a student of ours Lillie Webster tragically collapsed and died during her PE lesson. Lillie's mum has become a campaigner for CRY, and every year we host them, and every year we are delighted to see the offer oversubscribed.

### This Week

There continues to be an extraordinary diet of events taking place. Last week 8 lucky students visited Wimbledon, 75 bounced along to Jump in Ipswich. This week Yr. 10 Geography students visit Southwold, we have a Careers in Engineering event, the Yr. 9 summer concert, a Harry Potter trip, a Timberwolf visit and the D of E Silver expedition, to name just a few.

Year 11 Prom



## Wimbledon Trip

On Tuesday Miss Howland & Mr Wise had the pleasure of taking 8 students to Wimbledon. It was a fantastic day out and all the students were a pleasure to take. An experience which we are sure they will not forget!



## Warm Weather – Water Bottles

This week the weather is set to be very warm, please make sure that your child comes to school with a water bottle, these can be refilled breaktime and lunchtime from the water fountains.



## Pre-worn, loved school uniform

As a school we are trying to improve our environmental footprint and want to do all we can to support sustainability. We are also conscious of the need to reduce the overall cost of our uniform, the pressure this can put on families at hot spot times of the year is apparent.

Considering both these factors we have decided to launch a school uniform shop that is based around pre-loved and cared for uniform. The shop will sell the more expensive or bespoke/branded items on our uniform list:

- Blazers
- Ties
- (PE) Hoodies
- Jumpers
- PE tops and shorts/skorts

We would very much appreciate it if you have any pre - worn, loved uniform from the list above that your child could bring into school over the next week. If you are a year 11 parent with no younger siblings, we would love to take their old uniform to sell on. Please can you send uniform via your child to student services as soon as you possible can.

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## Dates for your Diary

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 Field Trip to Southwold

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Transition Day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 Field Trip to Southwold

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Transition Day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Transition Evening

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Jubilant Project Yr. 7 & 8 Writing Project

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 Mock Interviews

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 Mock Interviews

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studio Trip – Year 7

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Timberwolf Engineering Trip Yr. 10 – Various students

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – D of E Silver Expedition

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Mind & Voice Project

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Awards

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – PGL Residential Trip

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term & Non-Uniform Day

