16 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to start this letter by thanking parents and carers for their support and congratulating Year 10, 11 and 13 for their commitment to their exams over the last few weeks. Students have shown their determination and focus as they approached the exams, completed them and then prepared for the next. They have been fantastic role models to the younger years.

A few updates as we progress through the summer term below.

Term 6 Uniform

As the weather improves after May half term the Uniform Policy states students are no longer required to wear their blazer if they do not wish to, they obviously still can wear the blazer if the weather chills or they want to. No other form of jumper or outer garment should replace the blazer.

All other expectations remain in place. It is important uniform items are not adapted to personal taste. Equity and consistency are important and so all items must adhere to school policy: appropriate shoes, school skirt/shorts at knee length, sock colour, jewellery etc. We will expect students to ensure they are in line with expectations - non-school versions of the above should not be worn to school.

Guidance for Warm Weather

Whilst many will be enjoying the warm weather, we are aware of our responsibilities alongside families to ensure that children (and staff) manage warmer temperatures safely and sensibly. We have updated the Public Health guidance pages on the website, audited our site and given guidance to staff. The general guidance and updates relating to any specific warnings can be seen here: https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?page_id=2542109

In general terms please can we ask parents to check the following and remind students:

- Students are encouraged to seek the shade at break and lunch time if they wish to be outside at the bottom of the field, and access inside or covered spaces (Canopy, Quad, Dining Hall) as needed.
- Sun cream is applied before school and a suitable hat worn if necessary.
- Summer uniform adaptions are utilised to help regulate temperature.
- Physical exertion should be limited at breaktime and reduced at lunchtime to allow for time to take in water and cool down before afternoon lessons.
- To be alert to any friends who appear uncomfortable and seek help from staff.





















Support DofE at Tesco

We are grateful to have received a grant from Tesco to support our Duke of Edinburgh groups. The amount we receive depends on the number of blue tokens customers use to vote for us in their stores. It starts in July and ends in September; funds raised will support the replacement of old camping equipment to ensure the Duke of Edinburgh Award can continue to be delivered for any student at the College. If you shop in Tesco we would be grateful for your support.

Open for Parents

East Sussex support "Open for Parents" which continues to offer a range of FREE short webinars and longer courses to help parents/carers with those common issues that arise in any family. The booklet of opportunities is attached and may be worth a browse.

Heathfield Honours Evening - Thursday 14 September 2023

A separate letter attached to this communication sets out the details for our annual Honours Awards Evening. This year we have moved the celebration to September. We are trialling this timing to space the commitments of multiple events felt by families and staff over the summer term and also to ensure that the Year 11 and 13 are less likely to be on holiday at the time of the event.

Please continue to view <u>Latest News</u> on the website for more about recent student achievements or visit our Facebook page for more frequent updates. In the last two weeks we have covered: Well-being and Mental Health Awareness, talks from the Samaritans and a call for an Alumni event.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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MS C BARLOW Headteacher

Diary Dates

w/b 19 June 2023	A Level & GCSE Exams continue	
20 - 21 June 2023	6 th Form - Wuthering Heights Trip	
22 June 2023	Year 8 Population Y Spanish Wider Curriculum Day	
23 June 2023	INSET Day	
26 June 2023	Year 7 STEM Wider Curriculum Day	
27 June 2023	House & Sports Competition Day	Lewes
29 June 2023	Year 6 Transition Day 1	
30 June 2023	Year 10 Taster Day	
	Gold DofE Expedition	Lake District
	SOHCC Pre-Loved Uniform Sale	3.20pm to 4.30pm
East Sussex Apprenticeship Roadshow 2023		
Royal Air Force Cadets		

Please click $\underline{\text{here}}$ for further details