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Dear Parent/Carer

We have arrived at half term and for Year 10, 11 and 13 this will provide a welcome respite from the examination series, a chance to catch their breath and prepare for the next round. They have done really well so far and can be very proud of themselves. There is much to celebrate and read from the whole College perspective in Heathfield Headlines which can be found here: <https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?p=2283218>

Half-term Revision

We would urge students to make the most of the time they have in this week break to maximise their learning and revision. If they do not have a timetable often the best route is to follow the school timetable and ensure they cover all subjects but still have breaks and evenings free. A reminder that resources are available on Firefly: <https://heathfieldcc.fireflycloud.net/gcse-revision> and tips on effective revision are on the website: https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?page_id=997924

From Monday 5 June to Thursday 8 June students will be in normal lessons or exams. From Friday 9 June, once study leave starts, if Year 11 wish to revise independently during the College day they must sign in at reception and work in the library.

Access to sanitary products in school and examinations

We are aware of media reports regarding students struggling to access sanitary products in school or exams, we would not want any students to be concerned about that eventuality. Just as a reminder, we have always provided both sanitary and hygiene resources for students (parent letter appendix [7 October 2022](#)) and would reassure there are sanitary resources available in the Sports Hall during any examination series. Please just ask an invigilator.

Inspection

Headlines includes my very sincere appreciation for all the support from our community over the last week. I have outlined briefly as much as I am able to regarding our inspection but much will have to wait until it is moderated and ready for release. Suffice to say it went very well, the inspectors recognised a large number of our considerable strengths particularly working in challenging times. I am very proud of all the staff and students who engaged so positively over the two days and we will enjoy celebrating the report with you in due course. Thank you for your support.



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Term 6 Uniform

Year 11: Up to and including Thursday 8 June Year 11 students are expected to continue to wear uniform. This is no longer required once study leave starts on Friday 9 June.

Year 7-10: 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 including: appropriate shoes, skirt/shorts at knee length, sock colour, jewellery etc. and we will expect students to ensure they are in line with expectations.

Outcomes of dialogue with students

You may remember that in March I provided an update on our ongoing discussions that had been held with groups of students who felt they had issues they wanted to raise with us. This has been a measured and considered process to ensure that all voices were represented, including the majority student body through School Council and staff voice.

The document attached to this letter outlines the main issues and misconceptions raised, the range of discussion and the actions agreed. These will start to go into operation in Term 6, some will be more immediate than others but they should provide a resolution to any ambiguity around matters of concern.

From this point on we will be looking for compliance and consideration, there will be more structured gathering of students' voice by the Executive Council and expectation that students will use the well signposted methods of raising a concern when needed.

Support Staff Vacancies

This is a peak recruitment time for the College as we look to ensure the right staff and support for students is in place for September. If you are interested in joining our team of support staff do take a look at our recruitment page at <http://jobs.heathfieldcc.co.uk/vacancies/>. We would love to hear from you.

Please continue to view [Latest News](#) 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, No Mow May, Super-Curricular, the start of exam season and student sporting achievements

I wish you and your family a wonderful half term break, those with revising teens a peaceful but productive week and for others we would encourage a look at the Super-Curricular to engage together in learning and interest outside the classroom.

Yours sincerely



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Diary Dates can be found in this week's Headlines.
Term 6 starts on Monday 5 June