18 July 2023

#### Dear Parent/Carer

This last letter of the year from me is primarily to share our end of term Headlines which is stacked full of updates and events. Within Headlines my message to parents contains a huge thank you for all the support and collaboration this year. It is appreciated. We also understand that Headlines is a big read - we hope you will enjoy coming back to it often and reading different sections to appreciate the full extent of the offer for students this term.

#### **Headlines:**

Is available here: https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?p=2283218

It can also be downloaded if you prefer to be read or printed as a PDF. Congratulations to all for such fantastic achievements and engagement this term.

## End of Year letter and preparing for next year

There will be an information end of year letter sent tomorrow which should act as the main port of call for term dates, a reminder of the adjusted timings of the school day next year, and uniform guidance for anyone purchasing new items.

We have contacted specific students where there have been consistent issues of uniform this year but we also felt the following might be useful for all when navigating discussions with young people in preparation for the new year, some of the most common issues we pick up include:

**Jewellery:** please check what is allowed and what is not, these are decisions made on a health and safety basis and so will always be addressed if not compliant. Items of significant sentimental or monetary value would be best not worn to College.

**Skirts/Shorts:** must be of the school uniform style and worn at knee length, please allow for growth. Fabric, elasticated fashion style items are not acceptable, equally rolling or tying up shorter will always be addressed and sanctioned.

**Socks:** school socks must be black or dark grey, not white.

Thank you to all parents for your support in this, we will always try and work with you to ensure students are able to focus on their learning and progress, not distracted by peer pressure or fashion in this environment. However, where we can help, we are happy to do so.

# Reminder: Parents/Carers of Students in Year 7 & 8

A reminder for all Year 7 and 8 parents to please take just a few minutes to complete the short survey via the link below about homework and home learning. Your views are hugely important to us and will provide further information, enabling us to continue supporting our students and families as effectively as possible: Home Learning & Homework Survey





















# Feedback to exam year groups

We have gathered feedback from the invigilation and exams team to help us review and continue to develop practice. As part of doing that the overwhelming general feedback was that the students from this season had really stepped up to the exam expectations. They were polite and well-behaved, accepting and respecting the requirements of the exam conditions and managing themselves well in that environment. Attendance was excellent. Well done to all, there are always nerves in these environments but to have such overwhelming feedback is really rewarding.

## **Enrichment Week.**

This week we are publishing as many images of Enrichment Week (#EW2023) as we can on our Social Media Pages: on Twitter @Heathfield\_CC and on Facebook: Heathfield Community College Do have a look, students are enjoying a huge range of activities both at College and as far away as France and Belgium - it is a real joy to see them exploring new things, stepping out of their comfort zone or indulging in a known interest or passion, mixing with new but like-minded people.

Thank you again for your continued support, as I say in my Headlines message there is a real strength in the power of our collaborative community and how we help young people by working together with positivity and mutual support. Thank you to all who have manifested this in abundance this year, we wish you and all your family a most enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely
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MS C BARLOW Headteacher

#### **DIARY DATES**

Friday 21 July	End of Term 6 at 1.20pm - letters from Heads of Year will be sent
	out on Wednesday 19 July and will include arrangements for all
	students
Friday 28 July	SOHCC Pre-Loved Uniform Sale - Date & Time TBC - please check
	Facebook Page
Monday 31 July	Broadbridges Uniform Shop - Main Hall
Wednesday 2 August	SOHCC Pre-Loved Uniform Sale - Date & Time TBC - please check
	Facebook Page
Thursday 17 August	A Level Results Day
Thursday 24 August	GCSE Results Day
Thursday 31 August	Broadbridges Uniform Shop - Main Hall
Friday 1 September	INSET Day
Monday 4 September	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 September	Start of Term 1 - Years 7 and 13
Wednesday 6 September	Years 7 - 13
Friday 8 September	School Photos - Years 7, 9, 11 & 12