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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope this message finds you well. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents, carers and families who are supporting students in their exams at this time. Many of us have experienced this journey ourselves and truly understand how vital a supportive home environment is in helping young people approach their exams with confidence and calm. Your support is deeply appreciated – they're nearly there!

Year 10 Post-16 Taster Day - Thursday 26 June

Information about the upcoming Post-16 Taster Day has already been sent home with Year 10 students. On this exciting and important day, students will have the opportunity to:

- Experience a range of post-16 subjects available at Heathfield Sixth Form.
- Gain insight into what makes Sixth Form different, and explore what Heathfield has to offer.
- Meet current Sixth Form staff and students to ask questions and learn more about courses and life in the Sixth Form.

This day is designed to support students in making informed choices about their next steps after Year 11.

For Current Years 7 to 9 - Thursday 26 June

- Some students will be involved in supporting the **Year 6 Taster Day** and will already be aware of their roles.
- All other students in Years 7 to 9 will take part in a programme of **remote and off-line learning**, which will form their **compulsory education for the day**. Students are **not expected to attend school in person**, but they are **expected to complete all assigned tasks** in line with their planned curriculum.

All tasks and resources will be made available via **Arbor**, where full details of the day's learning will be posted. Staff will carry out check-ins with students as necessary throughout the day to support progress and engagement.

If you feel that your child may struggle to access this remote learning independently, or if they have known vulnerabilities and would benefit from being on site, we are able to offer a limited number of **in-college places**. **However, this provision must be booked in advance to help us plan staffing and support accordingly.** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYQoa5t0-Ha8W0nRnw7sTJzDqseNSeh6xI0kwmxD0_AliGyw/viewform?usp=dialog

Increased Reward and Recognition for Students

We understand how important praise and recognition are in building self-esteem, pride, and a strong sense of purpose and ambition. At Heathfield College, we have a long-standing tradition of celebrating student achievement, attainment, and effort through a wide variety of both public and private methods. This year, we are excited to extend our recognition even further.



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We are pleased to announce the introduction of a new award scheme designed to acknowledge students who consistently demonstrate the **Heathfield Habits**—the core values and ethos that guide our community—throughout the school year.

Students will be awarded **Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum badges** over the course of their time at Heathfield, marking milestones based on the number of praise points they have earned. This recognition goes beyond outstanding academic or extracurricular performance; it celebrates the positive choices, commitment to learning, and contribution to the College community that so many students show every day.

This year, we will launch the scheme with Years 7 and 8. Those who reach the Bronze benchmark by the end of the academic year will be notified and receive their badges in time for end-of-year celebrations. Students can proudly wear these badges alongside any leadership or Duke of Edinburgh awards they may already hold.

In future years, many students will progress to Silver and beyond, while new Year 7 students will begin their own journey toward Bronze. Over time, we expect that nearly all students will be recognized for their valuable contributions to their learning and to Heathfield College as a whole.

Warm Weather Reminder

At Heathfield College, we're well accustomed to the range of British weather, so the forecast of warmer temperatures is not a cause for concern. However, it's important to revisit some key precautions to keep everyone comfortable and safe. These are also available on our website under the Public Health tab: [Beat The Heat - Guidance PDF](#)

- Students **must bring a water bottle** to school each day. If a student forgets theirs, they should speak to their tutor or pastoral team in the morning. Students will have ample opportunities to refill bottles between lessons, at break, and lunch, and should avoid leaving lessons to do so.
- Staff supervising outdoor lessons will take normal precautions. Inside classrooms, in addition to usual measures, new window filtering has been installed this year to help reduce heat.
- Students are encouraged to **seek shade on site**, particularly at lunchtime, and to avoid excessive physical activity without allowing adequate time to cool down and rest.
- Students should be mindful of themselves and their friends for signs of heat sensitivity, especially if they have any related health conditions, and ask for support if needed.

As we approach a busy and important time in the academic year, I want to emphasize the importance of continued strong attendance, focused learning, and positive engagement. Every lesson and experience counts, and it will be rewarding to reach the end of term knowing we have all given our best and worked together.

I look forward to sharing more exciting news about our fabulous students in the coming weeks.

Best Wishes



MS C BARLOW
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

w/b 16 June	A Level & GCSE Exams Continue	
18 June	Summer Music Concert	6-7pm
19 June	Year 7 STEM Day	
	Year 7 Subject Feedback Evening	4.00-7pm
24 June	Year 8 HPV Vaccination	
26 June	Year 10 Taster Day	
27 June	INSET Day	
	Year 11 & Year 13 Prom	