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Dear Parent/Carer

TERM 5 HEADLINES

I am delighted to include the link to Headlines for Term 5, it is worth revisiting in chunks for inspiring and affirming evidence of students' success and positive engagement - <https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?p=2283218>.

PARKING AND DRIVING NEAR COLLEGE

Unfortunately, this morning we have had to report to the Local Authority and to the Police two disappointing incidents linked to parking and driving near to College. We will not hesitate to act to keep staff and students safe and repeat the often-stated guidance:

- Do not park, wait or drop off on the yellow zig-zags. They are intended to keep a safe zone to allow cars to pass in the one-way system and for students to cross. An incident today included incorrectly parked cars which inconvenienced other drivers.
- Reduce speed and respect the pedestrian crossing when passing the College. Students crossing under our supervision need to know they are safe, as do the staff undertaking this duty.
- Show respect. It is always unacceptable to swear or use abusive language to or about our staff. It will always be reported and action taken.

I am appreciative of the parents who contacted us this morning to show support and provide information. The College repeatedly states what is needed for safe parking and travel in the areas outside, it relies on community co-operation to be considerate of all. We are not responsible for adults who fail to follow reasonable guidance and will always report abusive and unsafe behaviour, remonstrating with duty staff for the actions of other adults is not helpful. Parents are able to report any unsafe driving just as we do: <https://reports.operationcrackdown.org/asdprs/>.

REVISION MATERIALS FOR EXAM GROUPS & SUPER-CURRICULUM

As we head into half term, the year groups sitting exams will need to schedule their preparation over the week alongside important opportunities to relax and refresh. Giving full effort to each one of their exams will be important to maximise their potential. We advise students that maximum effort until the very last exam means the rest and enjoyment afterwards can be genuine knowing you have done all you can.

- Guidance on the effective revision strategies they have been taught: https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?page_id=997924



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- Revision materials for each subject:
https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?page_id=2837007

A common tip we give to students is to follow their normal College timetable so that all subjects are covered and the length of the day spent revising is manageable.

YEAR 10 AND YEAR 6 TASTER DAY: 26 JUNE

On Thursday 26 June we will be hosting a number of induction events involving prospective students and the community.

- A Year 10 Taster Day for Heathfield Sixth Form for students looking to apply for September 2026. It is open to any student considering Heathfield Sixth Form or similar as one of their choices for progression, this includes students from other local 11-16 schools. Details of this have gone out separately to Year 10.
- A Year 6 into 7 Taster Day welcoming the Year 7 2025 cohort to their first experience with their new tutor groups.

The two events will be completely separate and hopefully offer a very positive experience for both year groups in their next steps. As a consequence, Years 7 to 9 will have a different learning experience that for many, but not all, will involve remote learning. More details on this will follow after half term.

SUMMER UNIFORM: TERM 6

I can confirm that the Summer Term 6 uniform adaptations will be in place on our return.

- Students do not need to wear their blazer as a compulsory item.
- It is important that no other item is worn *instead* of the blazer (*e.g. a coat or jumper*) if extra layers are required, the blazer should be worn.
- A reminder that jewellery requirements remain the same: necklaces, bracelets, hooped earrings are all a potential health and safety risk and should be left at home.
- Half term is a good opportunity for students to polish their shoes in preparation for the new term.

We hope we will continue to see good weather, so the following need to be considered:

- A water bottle is essential to be able to stay hydrated.
- If it does get warm, there are many areas where shade can be found.
- We advise a sensible approach to physical activity at lunchtime to allow enough time to cool down before lessons.
- We are maintaining 'No Mow May', so those with allergy sensitivities need to remain considerate of where they are based in outside spaces.

Thank you as always for your positive support. I was called on this morning to speak to the media about the DfE announcements on school funding, a part of which I was delighted to be able to very clearly celebrate the community, collaboration and commitment of our parents and wider networks that support staff to do the consistently high-quality work they do. It was good to be able to get that message clearly stated, we are very appreciative. Thank you.

Best Wishes



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