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Dear Parents, Carers and Families

## **End of Summer 1 Half Term Letter**

### **Enrichment and Community Events**

Earlier this term, the Waverley Trust Grand Iftaar event was a real success. It allowed our Waverley family and community to come together to break the fast during Ramadan and included performances from some of our pupils. There was a real sense of community and we would like to thank all who supported and attended. A total of £2231.65 was raised on the day, thank you for your generosity and support. It is a great and significant amount for a charity like ACEF and it will support their ongoing work.

As part of our sports enrichment, The Lawn Tennis Association visited our school as part of the LTA Youth Tour of Emma Raducanu's Trophy from her USA Open win in 2021. It was delightful to see our year 8 pupils participating in tennis practice. All visited praised our pupils for their confidence and enthusiasm. You may have seen that we also featured on ITV local news.

### **Year 11 and 13 Examinations and May Half Term Classes**

Thank you for your support during this period; we are proud of the way our pupils have approached their terminal exams. Staff have worked and are working hard to support and motivate our pupils to reach their full potential. Every minute of every hour devoted to revision will make the difference to the exam outcome.

Please plan a 'working week half term' for year 11 and 13, getting the balance right between exam preparation and some time to relax. During the May half term, I would expect pupils to devote between 3-5 hours a day for revision.

By invitation from their teachers, some pupils will be invited to attend revision classes between Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. I encourage participation if your child is invited.

### **Online webinars for every year 11 student continue in English, Maths and Science - 20 hours per subject (60 hours of additional support per student)**

I have written to you in previous letters to tell you about the year 11 - 20-week webinar programme in GCSE English, Maths and Science tailored to your child's ability range with a company called 'Impress the Examiner'. The school has actively researched the best companies in the market to deliver online webinars to support your child's progress as the exam period approaches. The school is paying for all year 11 pupils to access.

We employed this company last summer to work with a group of year 10 students with much success.

Your child has received their username and password.

**All sessions are recorded, so your child can access at any time, if they are unable to commit to all live sessions. I highly encourage pupils to access the materials, which can make a difference in the last stages of revision.**

Here is the programme timetable:

[Impress Year 11 Programme Timetable from January 2022](#)

### **Pupil Places available in reception, year 1 and year 2 for September 2022**

We have previously communicated that pupil places are available in our current Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. To apply for **primary places** please contact the Admissions team at Waverley School. To apply for **Reception places for September 2022** please visit: <https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php> or contact our Admissions team at school.

### **Communication support for the parents and carers of pupils with SEND**

To further facilitate communication and ensure that queries are directed to the appropriate teams, we have now set up a SEND enquiry box for parents with SEND queries ([sendenquiry@waverley.bham.sch.uk](mailto:sendenquiry@waverley.bham.sch.uk)). These emails will go directly to the SEND team who will be able to communicate responses directly to parents.

### **Out of School Hours & Keeping Safe**

We are finding that some parents or older siblings are dropping our primary pupils off before 8:25am (at the secondary end). This is a concern because primary gates do not open until 8:25am and these pupils remain unsupervised until staff are on duty at 8:25am. Supervision before 8:25am is the responsibility of parents and therefore it is essential that all parents (and older siblings if this responsibility is delegated) remain with the pupils until the gates open.

As we are approaching the half term break, please can you remind our pupils of the importance of safety, being mindful and caring of others in public spaces, of being lawful and respectful, and of distancing themselves from any situation or context which could lead to a negative consequence, for themselves or others. Whether in school, at home or out and about in the community and beyond, our pupils represent our school, and I hope that our values of humanity, equality, aspiration and respect positively resonate with them in all they say and do.

The weather is warming up and children may spend more time outdoors. It is essential that you are aware of the whereabouts of your child and who they are with at all times. Please reiterate stranger danger, risks of canals and open water, risks of railway lines and other areas that may pose risks. This also includes monitoring any games and online platforms/social media forums that your child maybe using to ensure that they are age appropriate, respectful and lawful.

### **Summer 2 dates**

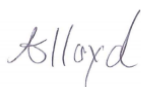
**Friday 27/05/22: End of Summer 1 – school ends at the normal time of 3:15pm**

**Monday 06/06/22: Start of Summer 2 School open to all pupils – the school opens at normal time**

**Tuesday 19/07/22: End of Summer 2 Final day for all pupils. Primary Phase ends at 12:15pm/Secondary & Sixth Form Phases end at 12:30pm**

Finally, school will close to all pupils on Friday 27th May at the normal time. I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a safe and restful break with your families and friends. We look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back on Monday 6th June at the usual start times.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Lloyd  
Principal

**Waverley School – Secondary and Sixth Form Phases**